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KUOMINTANG ISSUES A MANIFESTO

The Strike Is Over But---

With the exception of about 1,500 strikers still absent from Taikoo Dock, practically all the others who failed to report for duty on Friday, returned to work yesterday.

The Taikoo strikers are contractors' workmen whose employers have so far failed to come to an agreement with them for the pay increase embodied in the general settlement.

Representatives of the dissatisfied men were at the Chinese Engineers' Institute last night to consult with the institute. It is expected that the contractors will be contacted and advised to come to a settlement with the men.

Failing this, the Commissioner of Labour will be approached on Monday to get the Dockyard to come to a settlement with the contractors so as to bring all the men back to work.

As far as the Chinese Engineers' Institute is concerned, they wrote "China" to the strike last night when they dissolved the Strike Committee, which had been in almost nightly session throughout the period of the strike. A small committee was formed in its place to wind up affairs left over by the strike.

Another Demand

The next phase of Hong Kong's labour problem concerns the utility companies and their employees, all of whom have put in demands for an approximate 100 percent pay increase.

Representatives of the Tramways, Telephone, Hong Kong Electric, China Light and Power, and Gas employees held a joint meeting last night to decide on united action in negotiations with their respective managements over their demand.

The lead was taken by the Hong Kong Electric Co. on Tuesday and Wednesday when they gave their men to understand that an increase ranging from 30 to 40 per cent was possible. This was rejected by the men.

It is understood the employees of the five utility companies have agreed upon a scaling down of their demand from 100 to 80 per cent. This will form the basis of discussions to be opened with the employers next week.

1,000-lb. Bomb Near Ferry

A 1,000-pound bomb which, had it exploded, would have wrecked buildings within a quarter of a mile and caused a large number of casualties, was removed from the debris of a demolished house at the junction of Hanol and Carnarvon roads in Kowloon yesterday.

The bomb was a general purpose bomb containing 530 pounds of T.N.T. It was made for an American-built tank and is believed to have been dropped by parachute in one of the American air raids on Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation.

At the risk of his own life, Captain C. Darnell, of the RAOC, examined the bomb. "He made certain that it was in no danger of exploding before making any attempt to have it removed."

With the Police, assisted by the Emergency Unit, cordoning off the area, Captain Darnell first plugged the bomb's nose cap and then got down to the deep end of the missile. The bomb was exploded at an angle of 40 degrees.

Unite And Work For The Creation Of A New China

Nanking, Sept. 13. An earnest appeal to all Chinese to unite and work for the creation of a new China, dedicated to the fulfillment of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Three People's Principles, is contained in a manifesto unanimously approved at the meeting today of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee which was presided over by President Chiang Kai-shek.

"Through unity and struggle we can create a new life for the Party which will, in turn, generate new revolutionary forces to effect comprehensive political and economic reforms," the manifesto said.

Bearing in mind the 2,000-year-old Chinese proverb "When handling public affairs one need not say too much but should try his best to let deeds speak for themselves and actions bear witness to our determination," the manifesto emphasized that "it was necessary for us to make sacrifices to safeguard our national existence," and urged members not to hesitate to struggle for the realization of constitutional democracy nor fear to exert efforts to improve the people's living conditions.

"Our nation is now entering the period of constitutional government. To protect the Chinese Republic and safeguard the nation is a sacred duty which neither our party as a whole nor individual party members can justifiably shirk."

"Common Creed" "We wish to offer this as a common creed of guidance that we are particularly desirous that our fellow countrymen and national conscious members unite and work on the creation of a new China dedicated to the fulfillment of the Three People's Principles."

"We must realize that unless we continue to gather strength, we cannot be called a revolutionary party."

"Those of us who cannot endure injustices and slights and those who cannot stand the trials and tribulations are not qualified as members of a revolutionary party."

Difficulties "We are aware of the difficulties now besetting our members but at the same time we should be equally aware of the fact of our revolutionary strength which is really greater than it had been during the previous period in our struggle."

The document added: "The present military campaign to suppress the Communist rebellion and general mobilization are for the purpose of unifying China and preserving her sovereignty and territorial integrity."

"The most pressing need of the moment is to relieve the people of their sufferings." After listing the achievements of the party, which included the victorious conclusion of the war against Japan, the manifesto expressed the Kuomintang Party's determination to persist in its efforts to realize democracy.—Reuter.

Whilst descending the stairs of 23 Yen Chow Street, third floor, at 12.45 p.m. yesterday, Lee Huen, 30, slipped and rolled down on to the street. He was removed to Kowloon Hospital suffering from serious injuries to head and face.

WHAT 'NORMAL' MEANS IN INDIA TODAY

(By Robert Miller)

New Delhi, Sept. 12. New Delhi newspapers today reported that the city was "near normal" and throughout the rest of India and Pakistan the situation had "improved." Brief backstage accounts consider the following as "near normal and improved":

Two bombs exploded in New Delhi; the police were fired upon and returned fire. Three were killed at Delhi Railway Station by guards while attempting to attack trains. Ten thousand refugees assembled at the old Red Fort for protection. All warehouses and ration shops are nearly empty. There is a complete famine in Delhi of milk and vegetables. The postal system is paralyzed. Thousands of cables and telegrams lie undelivered in the General Post Office. Air transport is operating at 50 per cent of normal.

Peshawar in the Northwest Frontier claims that press reports of rioting there have been exaggerated—only two big fires instead of the "many" reported.

Fourteen were killed in Jullundur in the Punjab when a hand grenade was thrown at a refugee train. Cholera has broken out in Punjab refugee camps. One hundred have died from the dread plague at Kasur camp.

Two knife attacks occurred in Bombay, Jammu in Kashmir province has been cut off from the world since Sept. 1. Now it is crisscrossed with 7,000 refugees and begs aid to alleviate acute shortages of gasoline, food and imported goods.

More than 120,000 refugees have entered Bhawalpur State in Pakistan from India.

Lahore Quiet Lahore is quiet despite tension in a few villages near the scene. One final stabbing reported today.

Two thousand refugees from the Punjab arrived in Bihar province.

The curfew has been extended to the whole of Karachi. Fifteen refugees were killed aboard a train near Rajapur. The rural areas of Amhara and Karnal continue to be disturbed.

India's Weary Refugees



A motor lorry laden with Sikh-Hindu refugees is here seen passing the military check-point on the Rohitank/India border on the road between Amritsar and Lahore. This picture was taken only a few days ago and shows, but one scene which was repeated in its thousands. The bridge the lorry is crossing spans a canal, one bank of which is Indian; the other India. (AP Photo).

T.V. Soong To Contribute His Share

Nanking, Sept. 13. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, as Director-General of the Kuomintang, announced today that a number of party members headed by T. V. Soong proposed to raise a relief fund.

Chiang said Soong would contribute all of his share in the China Development Finance Corporation (one of China's largest mining and power combines in which Soong is believed to control the largest block of stock).

The Corporation operates the Hainan coal mines and railroads, the Yangtze Power Company, the Hankow Power Company, etc.

Chiang did not disclose the value of the Soong contribution. He said he would make a full statement to the KMT Executive Committee next week.—Associated Press.

Britain "Lost Face" At Hamburg?

Frankfurt, Sept. 12. Congressman James Fulton, of Pennsylvania, charged today that one of the three ships which the British unloaded Jewish refugees was a prison ship. Ex-Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., said he felt the British has lost prestige in the Hamburg operation.

Mr. Fulton is chairman of the House DP Committee touring Germany and Mr. Rogers covered the Hamburg operation for his Beverly Hills newspaper.

Fulton said he felt the unloading was as good as could have been expected. He denied that he or five companions who visited Poppendorf Camp were spat upon or disturbed during their trip.

He said they toured the "Empire Rival" and saw no beds or mattresses aboard or signs that it had been the scene of conflict.

At the dockside, he said, and in camps, the Jews "appeared well fed" and the British treated them well.

He said the Jews had no idea of the visitors' identity and directed no talk or action against them.

"Obviously all the Jews had been organized and all said they wanted to go to Palestine," he said.

Mr. Rogers said the operation was a "shock to world morality" and charged the British press with "whitewashing" reports on the unloading.—United Press.

"Fantastic"

London, Sept. 12.

Moscow Radio today described the "fantastic" scenes at Hamburg when "it gave a comprehensive account of the forced unloading of the Jewish 'Exodus' refugees earlier this week, and declared that the Poppendorf camp 'near' Lubbeck housing the refugees, resembled a concentration camp."

It added that the Jewish displaced persons had demonstrated in protest at Belsen, and protest meetings in the United States had demanded that the United Nations Organization should intervene.—Reuter.

Million Refugees In The Punjab

New Delhi, Sept. 12. The Government of India tonight stopped leave for all ranks of the Indian Army with immediate effect and cancelled all holidays, including Sundays, in Government offices until further notice in view of the disturbances in Delhi and the accumulation of urgent work.

The latest reports from Patiala, capital of India's premier Sikh state and scene of the most serious trouble that has yet broken out in a princely state in the present disorders, said that 105 persons were killed and 80 injured when troops opened fire.

The situation was officially stated to be now under control.

The Government of Pakistan was understood today to have suggested to the Government of India a conference between the Premier of the two Dominions, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, of India, and Liaquat Ali Khan, of Pakistan, in Lahore on Sunday, a despatch from Karachi, the capital of Pakistan, said.

Liaquat Ali Khan, it added, is going to Lahore tomorrow to confer with the West Punjab (Pakistan) authorities on the movement of Moslem refugees from East Punjab, which is not considered satisfactory in Karachi.

More than 1,000,000 refugees have now come into East Punjab from Pakistan, according to official reports here, and 100,000 are still concentrated in various camps in Amritsar.

The Government of India has flown large stocks of cholera vaccine to Pakistan. Cholera is spreading in some districts of the Punjab though no figures were available to indicate the severity of the outbreak.

A report that British troops had been rushed to Delhi to evacuate British civilians, was denied by a British spokesman here tonight.

Two British battalions are in the Delhi cantonment on their way to embark at Bombay. Their departure from the capital of India has been delayed for 14 days owing to the dislocation of the train services.

In Bombay, 9,000 workers in the naval dockyards there today called off a 64-days old strike, demanding better pay, following a split in their ranks on the advisability of continuing the strike.

They are expected to return to work tomorrow.—Reuter.

Ration Points Decrease

London, Sept. 13.

Ration points decreased in value today on a long list of imported foods in the new instalment of the British austerity programme.

The increases are effective at once.

The point values for luncheon meat went up from 33 to 36 per lb. and for South American stewed steak from 17 points to 18 points per lb.

Dried eggs went up two points to 10 per small package.

The points values were also raised for canned fruits.

At the same time the Food and Agricultural Ministers announced that the "main" emphasis in the agricultural expansion programme was placed on those commodities which are direct dollar savers, namely, livestock products, cereals and linseed.

It gave no details of these programmes.—United Press.

Ng Chi was held up at the staircase of 103 Hennessy Road at 10.15 p.m. yesterday by a man armed with "a black object" and relieved of \$92 and a fountain pen.

Landed At Hamburg



These two girls, one of whom is the other's sister, among the 4,000 Jews from the 'Exodus' who have just been landed at Hamburg. These two girls are Polish, and are actually the only sisters they have with them. (AP Photo).

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THE WEATHER

A trough of low pressure extends from Burma across S. China to a cyclone centre 500 miles S. of Honshu which has recovered and is now moving NE. A ridge of high pressure extends from the N across the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea to an anticyclone over NW China. A depression over N. Mongolia is moving E. Today's Forecast—Light southerly winds, cloudy with a few light showers tonight, mainly fair tomorrow.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 84.3 deg. Fah. Minimum: 76.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 4.7 hours.

Rainfall: 26.7 mm. (1.06 inches). Total since Jan. 1—2488.7 mm. (98.0 inches) an annual average of 1814.8 mm. (71.42 inches).

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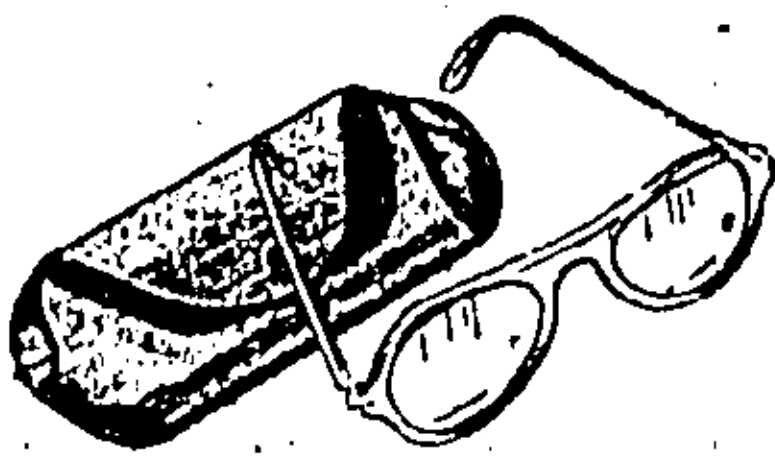
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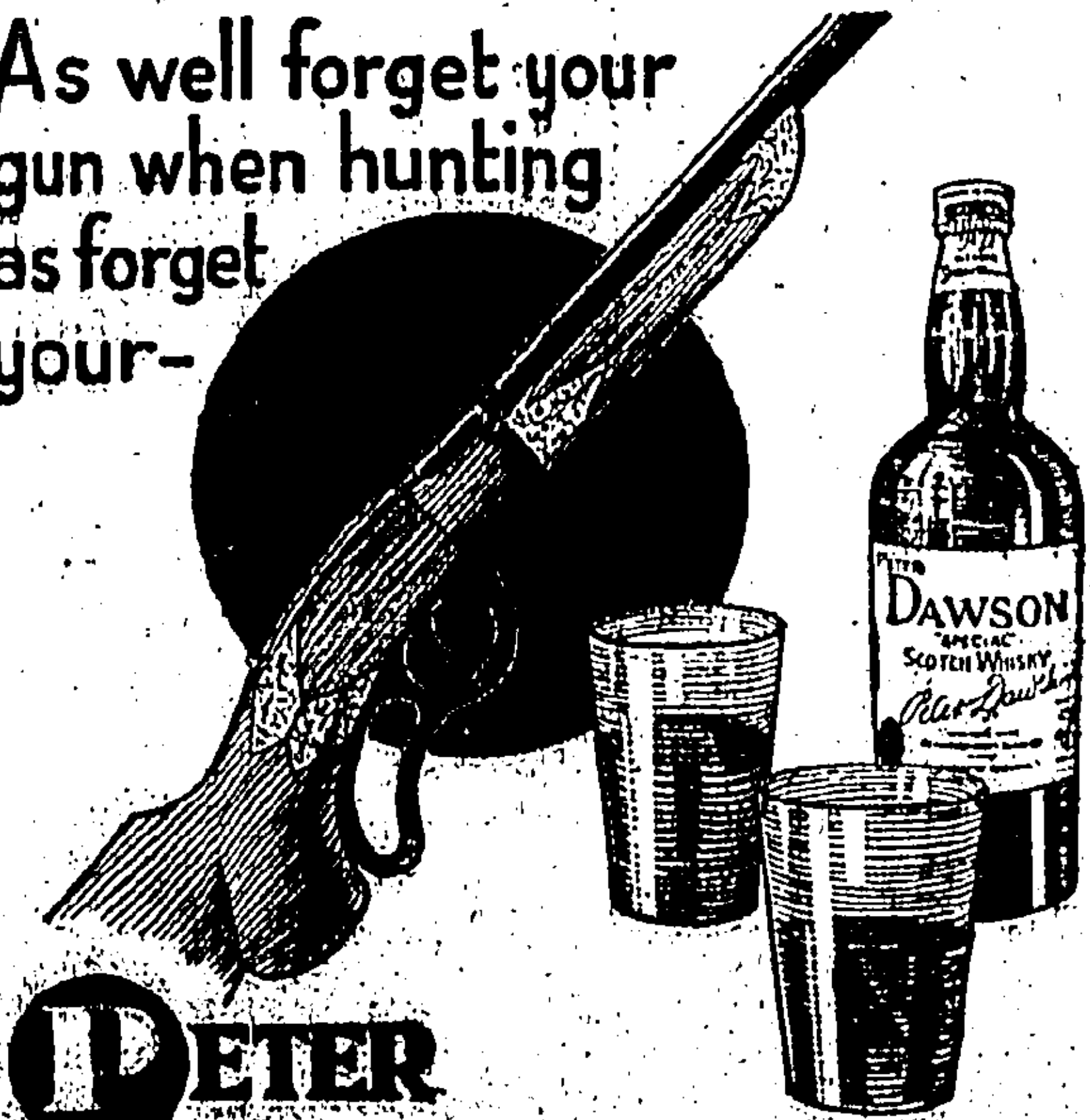
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Trans-Ocean Trampships Of The Air

A fleet of converted "Hallifax" bombers, belonging to the London Aero and Motor Services, will next month start to carry freight in the Far East and across the Pacific.

These "trampships of the air" will be taking part in one of Britain's greatest dollar earnings ventures, and will be manned by real merchant adventurers whose job it will be to seek out their cargoes wherever they may be, and transport them across vast stretches of the Pacific.

The "Hallifaxes" will be based on an airfield near Sydney and, with their bomb holds loaded with freight, will operate between Australia, New Zealand, the East Indies, China, Hong Kong, Japan, and the West Coast of the United States.

This enterprising new scheme is the direct outcome of a recent round-the-world freight survey carried out by Dr. Graham Hambery. While in the Far East, he discovered a great demand for air freight, particularly for the transport of mining machinery of all types.

Key men have already left England to open up the way for this new Far Eastern tramp service, which will do so much to reinforce the fleet of small ships which at present ply between the mainland and the Pacific isles.

Cemeteries Closed

Closure of six cemeteries on the island comes into effect next month, according to the Gazette yesterday.

A Government spokesman told the "Sunday Herald" that gradual elimination of burials on the island owing to lack of space was a pre-war policy which was being continued.

There was a pre-war scheme for cemeteries at Wo Ho-Shok in the Fanling area but it has not yet been resumed. Meanwhile, burial grounds have been made available at Diamond Hill. The cemeteries ordered to close on October 1 are Mount Caroline Cemetery, Kai Lung Wan Cemetery, West Kai Lung Wan Cemetery Extension, Cemetery Kai Lung Wan Cemetery, East Chai Wan Cemetery and the extension to Chai Wan Cemetery.

The "Gazette" carries a lengthy Order under the Defence Regulations, 1940 which has the effect of delegating the powers relating to the movement and sale of vegetables to Dr. G.A.C. Herklotz, and, in his absence, to Mr. J. Cator.

NEW OFFICERS' CLUB OPENS WEDNESDAY

From the ashes of the one-time "Cheero" Club, there has now arisen the splendid "Phoenix" of the N.A.A.F.I. Harcourt Officers' Club, taking its name from Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E. lately head of the British Military Administration of Hong Kong.

The premises were kindly made available to N.A.A.F.I. by the cooperation of the Trustees of the Cheero Club and considerable reconstruction, by the Fok Woo Construction Company, has taken place during the past month.

With the rebuilding of the roof, the waterproofing of the outer walls and the installation of a modern kitchen on ground provided by the Army, there has taken shape, under the guiding hand of N.A.A.F.I., an officers' club which promises to be the acme of popularity. In addition, a beer-garden and capacious staff quarters have been constructed.

The Club, in its compact form, ministers to many needs. Through the entrance hall (containing a chocolate and tobacco lounge and cloakroom), one passes into the "Tavern" or main bar, whose low ceiling, oak tables and tavern stools make it reminiscent of the English country public house. An attractive modern touch is added by the installation of daylight lighting. The "Tavern" gives access to a tree-shaded beer-garden.

Above the Tavern is the restaurant hall room with seating accommodation for 100 and a central dancing space for about 20 couples, enhanced by fluorescent floor lighting. The restaurant is serviced by an extremely modern kitchen, beautifully tiled and containing gas ranges, hot plates and all the necessities of the up-to-date cuisine.

Milky Way

From the restaurant one ascends to the "Milky Way," the cocktail bar with a difference, by means of a picturesque staircase, decorated to represent the Firmament.

Birds, planets and encouraging pink elephants floating on fleecy clouds greet one from a background of blue. The cocktail bar itself is most original in style, being in the form of a globe with the central portion cut away to allow service. The whole is tastefully furnished in green, black and chrome. Leading from the cocktail bar there is a lounge and a private room which can accommodate small parties of up to sixteen in number.

"Arnhem Night"

The N.A.A.F.I. Harcourt Officers' Club will be opened on September 17th, "Arnhem Night," at 7.30 p.m. by the heads of the three services. Afterwards there will be dancing to Andy Hildago and his Orchestra. Between 10.10 and 11 p.m. there will be a broadcast of non-stop dance music from the Club.

Normally the Club will be open for coffee at 10 a.m., till 12 to 2.30 p.m., afternoon tea, dinner from 6.30 p.m., and here will be dancing every evening from 8 to 12 p.m. with an extension to 1 a.m. on Sundays. Officers intending to dine on opening night are advised to make their reservation now to avoid disappointment. For table reservations, ring Tel. No. 13097.

The Harcourt Officers' Club will minister to a great need which has been felt in the colony for some time. N.A.A.F.I. has spared no expense and effort to make this club the best of its kind in the Far East and they may be assured of its being not acclaimed in the very near future.

Money Market

Gold recovered from the setback of the previous day and opened yesterday morning at \$359.50 a tael, closing at \$359. In the course of the day it fluctuated between \$356.75 and \$363.

There was a further slide in Plasters though towards the close of the market there was a recovery. Opening at \$12.85 a 100 the price dropped till it reached \$12.55. It then veered and closed at \$12.72.

Chinese National Currency was quoted nominal at 12.8 cents for futures and 13.1 cts. or spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were firmer at 5.49, as was Sterling at \$14.25. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.54.

WAR MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of his father the late Mr. Wong Kin-Hoi, Mr. Wong Kin-Hoi, 420, Total, 420, Hong Kong Government Contribution. Received September 12th, 1947, \$2,500.00. Grand Total \$12,500.00.

"Battle Of Britain" Service

A ceremonial parade in commemoration of the "Battle of Britain" will be held at RAF Station, Kai Tak, at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, at which all three Services will be represented.

The parade will be taken by the A.O.C. Air Commodore S.N. Webster, CBE, AFC, and will be attended by the G.O.C. Major-General G.W. Erskine, CBE, DSO; Brigadier C.I.V. Jones, CBE; Brigade Commander Kowloon.

The service will be read by the Rev. A.R. Cress James. There will be a visitors' enclosure and members of the general public are invited to attend.

PEPPER

A notification in the Government Gazette yesterday added pepper to the list of articles within the Export Control Order 1947. The effect of this order is to require exporters of Pepper to countries outside the Sterling area to surrender their foreign exchange proceeds to a bank which is a member of the Foreign Exchange Bank Association.

Canadian Pioneer In "Y" Work

The story of a Canadian who was a pioneer in the work of the Y.M.C.A. and who was always held in the highest esteem and regard by all who knew him was related by Mr. A. W. Ingram, general secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

The man he was speaking of was the late Mr. J. L. MacPherson, born in Canada of Scottish parents. The occasion was a meeting in the "Y" chapel in Bridges Street in memory of those directors and secretaries who lost their lives during the war.

Mr. Ingram said in part:—

"His Y.M.C.A. career began even during his university days, when he was appointed in 1901 as Secretary of the University Y.M.C.A. work. His connection with Hong Kong dates back as far as 1905, when he first was sent out to inaugurate Association work in the Colony.

"The successful development and growth of Y.M.C.A. here owes more to (Mac) than can be easily told. He possessed unusual qualities of inspiring leadership, far-sighted judgment, and shrewd common sense, qualities which made his advice greatly sought by all sections of the community.

"As a pioneer Y. leader, Mac was instrumental in selecting and training many promising younger men for the work. He was also a keen sportsman and threw the weight of his influence behind developing athletics and games in the Colony.

"He sponsored and accompanied the South China Chinese Football team to Australia. In Masonic circles he was District Grand Master for South China for a number of years.

Rotarian

"As a Rotarian he headed many philanthropic ventures, including the Children's play ground movement.

"In the various forms of Church and religious groups Mac was a stalwart supporter and counsellor.

"In 1925 Mr. MacPherson was instrumental in securing a most generous gift of U.S. \$80,000 towards the establishment of the European "Y" in Kowloon. This was donated from North America to assist in building the European Y.M.C.A. building, primarily for the needs of Europeans in the Colony so far from their homeland.

"It had been my privilege to work under Mr. MacPherson's able leadership from the time of the opening of the European "Y" in 1925 until his retirement. I can therefore gladly bear personal testimony to the fine character of the man, whom I have always held in the highest esteem and regard.

Sound Flanner

"Mac had the gift of an excellent flanner in advance of their manifestation. This

"VIKING" CRASHES

London, Sept. 12. A "Viking" of the King's Flight crashed shortly after taking off from the airport at Aberdeen, today, injuring seven persons.

The Air Ministry said the ship carried a crew of four and seven passengers. It was on route to Heathrow Airport, near London.

The crash is believed to have been caused by the failure of the port engine.—United Press.

Price Controls

The following items have been made to the schedule under the Price Control Order:

(Max. Retail Price, HK\$)	Quick Quaker Oats (per 20 oz. tin)	Nestle's Powdered Whole-Milk (per 2 1/2 lb. tin)	Ovaline (per 3 lb. tin)	Elielton Butter milk (per 500 grams)	Lactogen Infant Food (per 2 1/2 lb. tin)	Dairypride Powdered Whole-Milk (per 12 lb. tin)	Cow & Gate Malted Milk (per lb. tin)
1.50		8.75	9.90	4.50	7.50	15.25	3.00

The previous schedule covering milk and products is deleted.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Rotary Club, Lt. Col. H. Owen Hughes will speak on "Luen Lok—Reminiscences of a Liaison Officer". The meeting will take place in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.30 a.m.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals include Miss Sylvia Laurent; Miss M. Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Reyren, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Leland, G. W. Brazier, Mr. K. Loh, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Harkins, P. P. Musso, Stanley A. Bond, P. Lamson, Mrs. P. Bowyer, Mrs. L. Reishni, J. H. Hsieh, Lee Heng, and E. D. Galloway.

Peninsula Hotel departures include W. C. Barnham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheen, E. J. Young and E. Lasinsky.

CPA departures from Hong Kong to Singapore on Friday were Mr. Edgar Barnwell, Mr. R. Road, Mr. M.H. Lilant; From Hong Kong to Bangkok—Mrs. Dhun Hlang Lun and child, Mr. Jing Wun Lee, Mr. Kwo Tong Seng, Mr. Hing Bok Boon, Mr. Chang Wun Nam, Mr. Cheung Chui Kiu, Mr. N.S. Smith, Mrs. Chui Yok Mui, Mrs. Siew See Fong, Miss Chui Kim, Mr. Chui Tak, Mr. Chui Kam, Mr. Chui Luen, Mr. Chui Nam; From Manila to Hong Kong on Thursday: Mr. Chun Tian Sang.

Lord Nathan, Secretary of State for Air, will be arriving by air from Australia on Monday, Sept. 15, at 2.30 p.m., and will stay at Government House as the guest of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham.

The Air Minister is on a tour of inspection of Empire airfields. His stay in the Colony will be for four days. He leaves for Nanking on Thursday, reportedly to hold talks with the Chinese authorities in connection with airfield facilities for British aircraft in China.

The following arrived in Hong Kong this week by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat from the United Kingdom and intermediate ports:—Messrs. M. Ellis, Fry James, Sullivan, Wu Te-Y, H.J. Wigginton, L. Milburn, A.S.K. Lau, Tanocree, Hon Kim-leung, Poo See-rit, Aw Hoo, R.S. McMillan, Chang Chi-kuang, Miss S.T. Cunningham, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Walsh, and Miss E.L. Pearce.

The following left Hong Kong this week by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boats for Poole and intermediate ports:—Messrs. J.F.C. Mackay, J. Eulalia de Silva, F.H. Wilkinson, Chen Pen-hiang, Tjong Hsiang-nam, H.R. Tims, Capt. David Nias, Bro. M. Bonushka, Brigadier L.F. Field, L.E. Fuchter, D.A. Shearman, E.R.A. D.W. Payne, Mrs. M. Harkins, for Poole; Mrs. R. Kessler for Cairo; Mr. and Mrs. G. Schen for Augusta; W.N. Connor, J.G. Clark, T.P. Barot, M.P. Huthcheson for Calcutta; G.P. Cross, Chung Wei-chu, Chan Yee-wah, Mrs. Chong Siew-ying, Master Chong, Mrs. Liang Tse-ting for Rangoon; L.P. Slack, Ong Boon-hwa, R.W. Longstreet, Lison Young, S.C. Kwok, M. Knuffman, Lee Ching-tel, Jack Hsieh, Van Woodward, Mrs. Edna Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Silver.

The BOAC flying-boat for Singapore is scheduled to leave this morning carrying: Mrs. K.A. Chieket and L.D. Woolley (en route to Sydney), Lt. Col. E.I.E. Mosley, Major C. Smith, B. Ben nadi, S.J. Dettour, S. Leland, Mrs. J. van M. Leland, Mrs. B. Benumant, Chandr Chandrishi, Mrs. Ngow Nguk-chee Mrs. Mary Lee and F.D. Gardner.

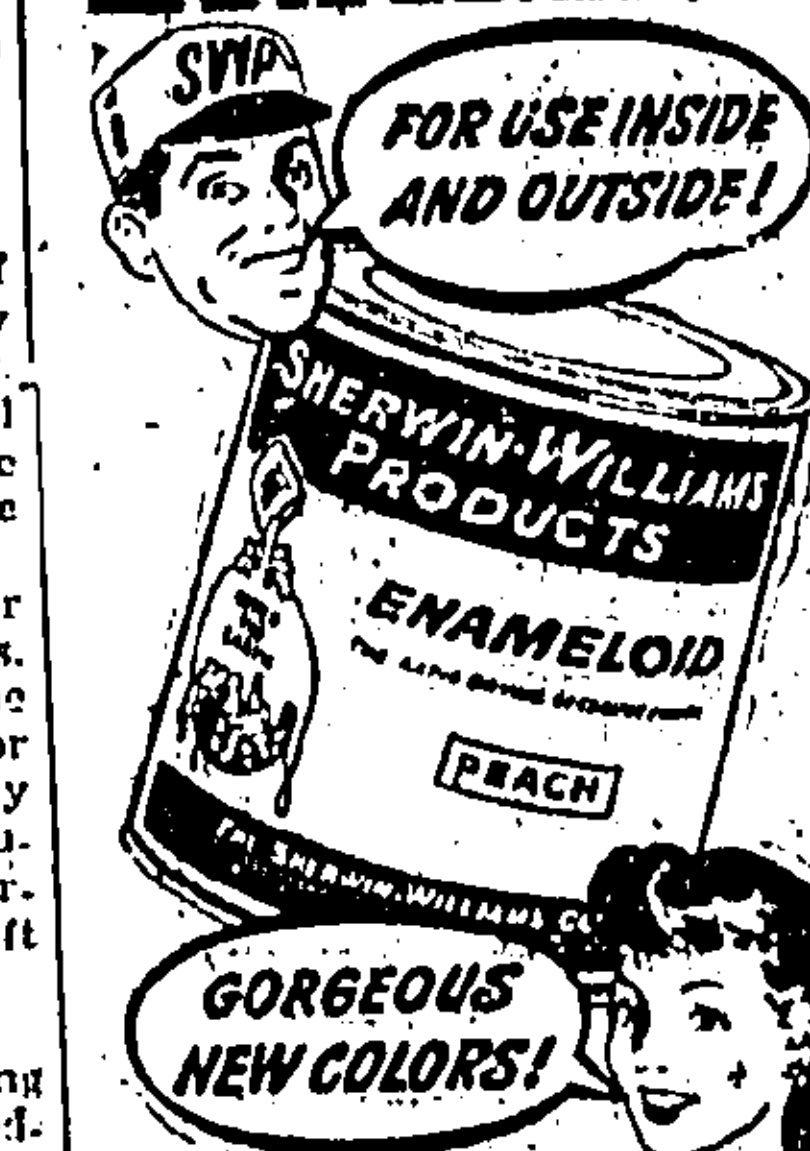
WHEAT CONTROL

An order made by the Director of S.T. and L. requires every importer of Wheat Flour and raven refined sugar (except sugar of Chinese origin) to notify full details of the shipment. The goods must be placed in specified godowns.

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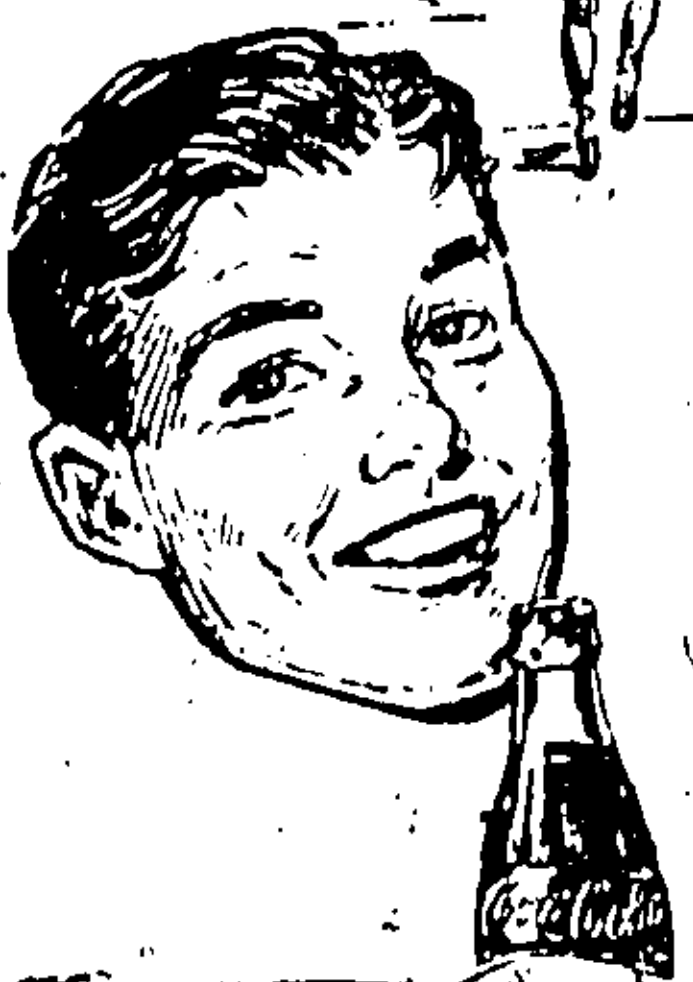
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PROPERTY APPEAL CASE DISMISSED Estoppel Argument Unsound In Law

An appeal, brought by Tang Chi-kin (appellant) against the judgment of Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, declaring Tang Fong-chuen (respondent) to be solely entitled to property known as 8 St. Stephen's Lane and granting respondent possession and mesne profits, was dismissed yesterday by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge).

The appeal was based on the ground that the trial judge was wrong in deciding that the respondent was not estopped from setting up his title to the property by reason of his failure to notify the appellant of a forged power of attorney as soon as he became aware of the defect in appellant's title.

The appeal was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernachi, instructed by Messrs. Geo. K. Hall, Brunt, and Company.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, C.S., instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co., appeared for the respondent.

In the course of his judgment, Mr. Justice Williams said in part:

"The essential facts of the case are that the respondent was a General in the Chinese Army and the Crown Lessee of the house property with which the case is concerned. The respondent, being absent from the Colony on his military duties during the Japanese occupation, left an agent in charge of the property and the latter, in the absence of and without the knowledge of his principal, purported to sell the property to the appellant in Feb. 1945, by means of a forged power of attorney."

"At first, the appellant, acting upon advice, paid only half of the purchase price, as the agent was unable to produce any title deeds and proposed to retain the other half until the return of the respondent from China. However, upon production by the agent of a letter purporting to have been written by the respondent approving of the sale and upon guarantees being signed by certain persons, he paid over the remainder of the purchase money. The letter was also a forgery. The appellant entered into possession and during the remainder of the Japanese occupation and thereafter he expended substantial sums in repairs."

Forgery

"In Dec. 1945, the respondent first heard of the forgery and in Jan. 1946, he returned to Hong Kong for the first time since his departure about Oct. 1941. He remained in Hong Kong only for a few days before returning to China and during those few days he consulted a solicitor and was advised that, as the civil courts had not yet been reconstituted in Hong Kong, there was no effective legal step he could take at that time to regain possession of his property. He left instructions that steps were to be taken as soon as possible and in fact this action was commenced in 1946, as

soon as the civil administration was restored in Hong Kong.

"On Apr. 25, 1946, the appellant caused to be sent to the solicitors in the Colony a circular letter of enquiry."

"Upon receipt of this letter, the solicitor for the respondent notified the appellant on Apr. 26, 1946, of the forgery and of the respondent's intention to bring proceedings to recover the property."

"Between Jan. and Apr. 1946, the appellant claims to have spent a substantial but undetermined sum on the property and this was conceded by counsel for the respondent for the purpose of the argument. It was held as a fact, however, by the learned Chief Justice, upon the evidence that the respondent did not at any time have knowledge of this money being so expended by the appellant."

Important Fact

"A further fact of some importance was that the appellant had no knowledge that the respondent became aware of the forgery in Dec. 1945, or returned to the Colony for a few days in Jan. 1946."

"After a detailed analysis of numerous authorities on the subject of estoppel, Mr. Justice Williams said:

"I am, therefore, of opinion that the contention of appellant that by reason of respondent's failure to notify him of the forgery during the months Jan. to Apr. 1946, respondent is estopped from denying his title to the property, is unsound in law."

"The appeal is therefore dismissed and the decision of the learned trial judge upheld, with costs to the respondent."

Mr. Justice Gould, concurring, dealt at length with various authorities on the law of estoppel and concluded:

"In the present case, the respondent paid a short visit to Hong Kong, but remained in ignorance of the acts which the appellant was said to have been committing to his own prejudice. He was informed that a moratorium prevented the transfer of land and left instructions that legal action be taken at the first possible moment. There was no taint of fraud or dishonesty in his conduct and for the reasons given, I consider he was under no duty to disclose and therefore made no representation upon which estoppel could be founded. I should add that it is also my opinion that in the absence of evidence that action has been taken under the guarantee obtained by the appellant, prejudice has not been fully proved. I agree that the appeal should be dismissed."

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To make the way for the DH 100, which will be Britain's first "straight" jet air liner, two of De Havilland's Comet gas turbines have been installed in place of the two outboard Rolls-Royce engines on a "Lancaster". The half-and-half "Lancaster" touched 330 miles an hour at 20,000 feet, and its top speed with the gas turbines alone was 275 mph. at 10,000 feet. With all four engines, the rate of climb was some 2,000 feet a minute. (A photo).

NEW AIR ROUTE

Shanghai, Sept. 12.—Marking the opening of another major air route in the Far East, the Pan American World Airways Clipper will fly from San Francisco to Hong Kong on Sept. 24 via Manila and Shanghai.

The airliner is expected to meet this city on Sept. 25, arriving in Hong Kong the following day.

The Clipper's return trip will be by way of Tokyo and Manila. (Central News).

Local Estates

Local estate, sworn under \$142,500, was left by the late Sir

Vandelaar Grayburn, former Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who died at Stanley Camp, Hong Kong, on Aug. 21, 1943. An application for sealing certified copy grant of Probate has been granted to Mr. J. A. D. Morrison.

Leut. R. J. Shrigley, Engineer, R.K.V.D.C., who died on June 28, 1944, while a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, left local estate sworn under \$30,200. The deceased was formerly connected with Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd. An application for sealing certified copy grant of the Executor of the Will of the deceased has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, Barrister-at-law.

The late Leonard Arthur Jordan, Warrant Officer Class I, R.E., who died on war service on Oct. 25, 1942, left local estate sworn under \$2,000. An application for sealing certified copy Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of the deceased has been granted to Mr. D. B. Evans, Solicitor.

Chief Inspector John O'Donovan has been appointed to be Immigration Officer in place of Mr. Allan Derryck Monkhouse, with effect from 10th September, 1947.

MOTOR CYCLIST GETS MAXIMUM PENALTY

The maximum penalty of \$500 was imposed on Mok Tim, 30, merchant, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on each of two counts of driving without due care and attention and driving without a licence.

The case arose out of a traffic accident at Tai Po Road near the Nan Chang Street petrol station at 10.30 p.m. on August 29, as the result of which a 49-year-old widow, Au Lan, was killed.

After evidence had been given by Chow Ki-cheung and his wife (son and daughter-in-law of the accused who were on the pavement nearby), defendant elected to give evidence on his own behalf.

He stated that he had a Hong Kong driving licence for over 10 years, prior to the war, and that he held a licence in Free China. He came to Hong Kong to buy a motorcycle and was trying out the machine on the night in question.

When nearing the petrol station, he said, he saw a woman

about 100 feet ahead of him, and he sounded his horn twice. She stopped and then ran forward. He averted to the left and the woman fell down. He was dragged for about 27 feet by the cycle before it stopped, declared witness.

In reply to His Worship, defendant said that he averted to the left instead of to the right to "protect his own safety". Asked to amplify this, Mok stated that if he had averted to the right there was the possibility of his being hit by other vehicles using the road.

His Worship pointed out that, according to the Police evidence, there was no other traffic at that time. Furthermore, he had only a five-foot space on the left, whereas he had a 35-foot space on his right.

Enter Police --- Out Pipes!

Li Shu, 28, was fined \$500 (or six months' hard labour) when he pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping an opium den at 972 Canton Road, second floor, on Sept. 12, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

He was fined a further \$25 (or a week's imprisonment) on the count of possession of 19 pipes of prepared opium, and another six weeks on the third charge of returning from expulsion. All sentences to be served consecutively. A recommendation for banishment was also made by His Worship.

The 13 smokers found on the premises when the place was raided by Sub-Inspector Andrews were fined \$15 each. The five pipes, eight lamps and 19 pots of opium seized were confiscated, while the \$38 found was given to the Poor Box.

An unique feature of the raid on 453 Reclamation Street, ground floor, by S/I Andrews on September 12, was the complete absence of opium pipes on the premises, although a man alleged to be the keeper and four other men were found on the premises, as were eight lamps (lighted) and 17 pots of opium.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth advanced the theory that it might be a question of "the Police going in by the front door and the pipes going out by the back."

The four men who pleaded guilty to the charge of smoking were fined \$15 (or ten days' imprisonment). Chan Lun, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of keeping, was remanded to tomorrow.

Three raids carried out by Detective Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts in the Shamshuipo district on Friday, resulted in the arrest of three keepers, and 25

smokers, and the seizure of 10 pipes, 10 lamps, and 46 small pots of opium.

None of the keepers appeared in Court and their bail of \$300, \$200 and \$200, were exonerated. Two smokers were fined \$15 each, while the remaining 23 jumped their bail of \$15 each.

The premises raided were situated at 121 Nan Chang Street, first floor; 45 Pei Ho Street, first floor; and 197 Kiang Street, first floor.

Raided by Detective Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches on Sept. 12, Chan Hung's den in an unnumbered hut at Ta Tit Street, yielded two smokers, two lamps, two pipes, and four small pots of opium.

Chan was fined \$100 (or six weeks' imprisonment) and one of the smokers \$15, when they appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday. The other smoker forfeited his bail of \$15.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted in all cases.

To Die By Hanging

Sentence of death by hanging was passed yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge), on Yuen Chu, travelling trader, who was unanimously found guilty by a jury on a charge of murder.

As he was being led from the dock Yuen claimed that he had witnesses who could prove his innocence.

On hearing the sentence, Yuen's wife, who was in Court, burst in to tears and approached Mr. Justice Williams pleading for leniency on behalf of her husband. She was led out of the Courtroom by Det. Insp. Dowman but remained in the corridor crying and wailing.

Attempts by Mr. Silva to pacify her proved unavailing. She later proceeded to the front entrance of the Court, where she sat down on the doorstep and continued wailing.

Yuen was charged with the murder of Lo Yuk, 70-year-old fertilizer manufacturer, at 15 Shek Kip Mi Street, 2nd floor, on June 2.

It was the contention of the prosecution that Yuen had committed the murder in an attempt to conceal a debt and also to rob the murdered man.

In his defence, Yuen claimed that he was not on the premises at the time of the murder.

Mr. A. T. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Dowman, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. The accused was represented by Mr. Marcus A. de Silva, who was assigned to the case by the Crown.

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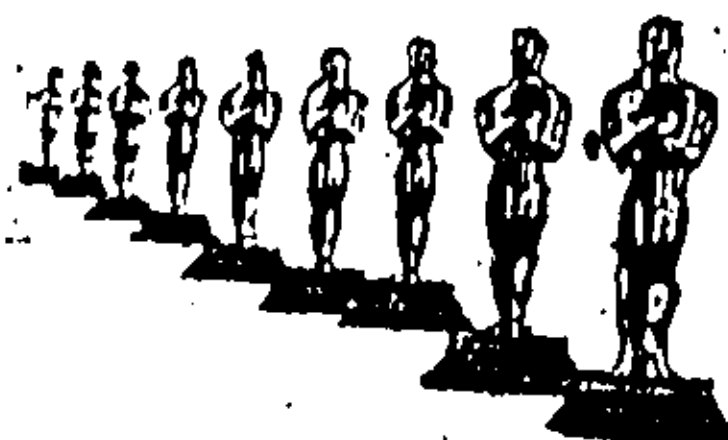
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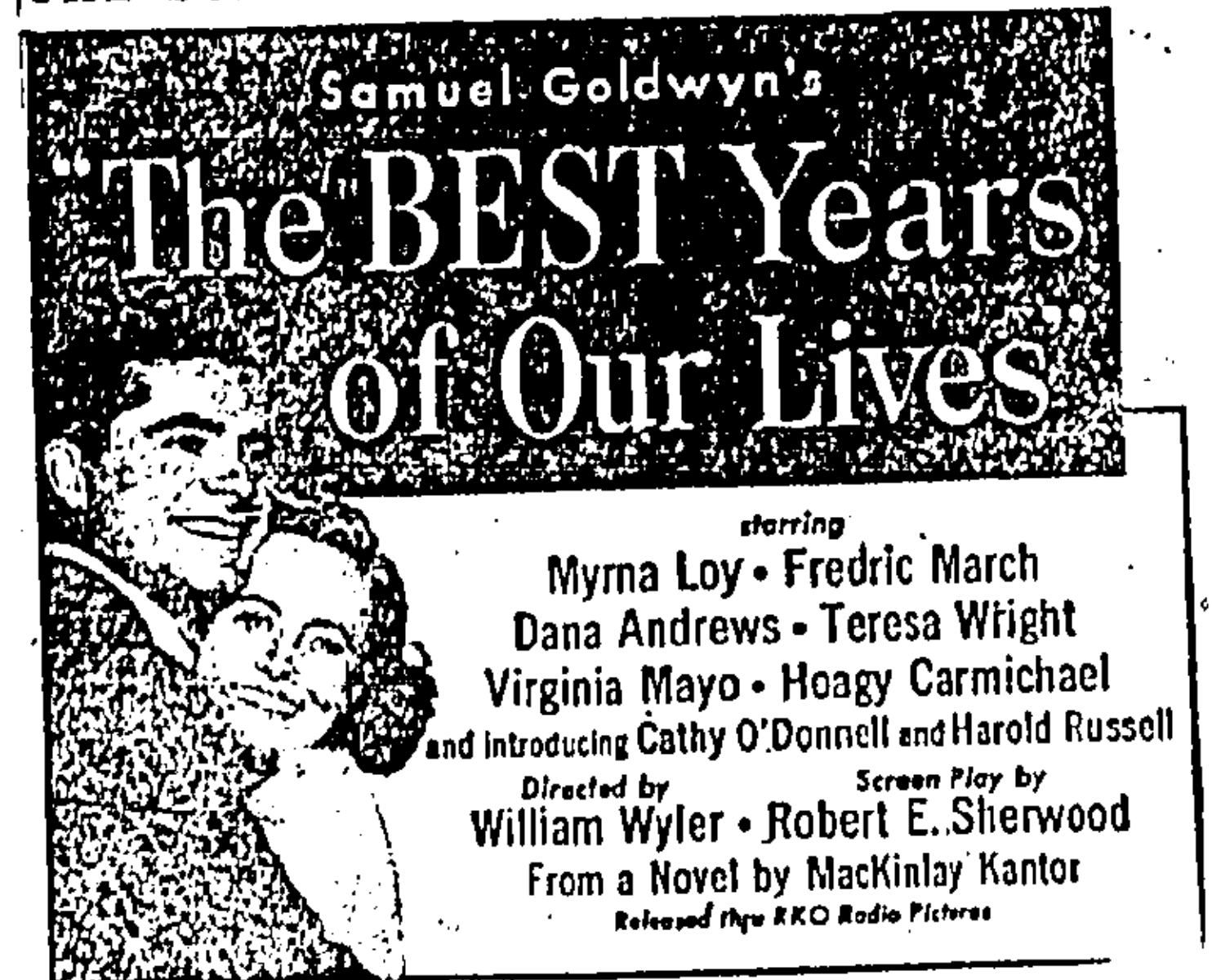
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(By J. L. Hays)

Jerusalem, Sept. 12.
Specimens of pitch blend, believed containing uranium, vital element in the construction of atomic bombs, have been found within the Jewish state envisaged in the recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine report, and flown to Britain for examination under conditions of strictest secrecy, I learn.

U.S. War Weapons In Demand

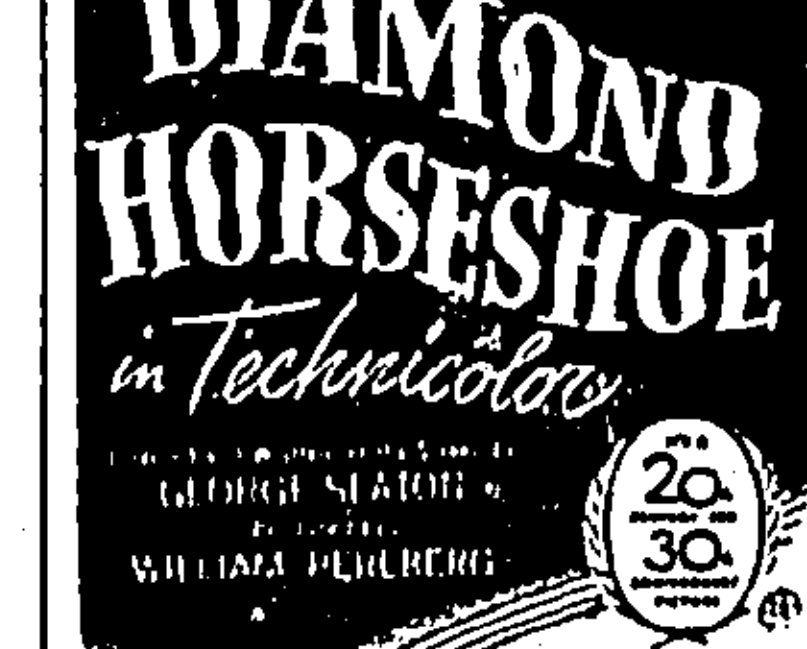
Boston, Sept. 13.
Large-scale activity by foreign government agents negotiating the purchase of war weapons in the United States was disclosed by Melvin M. Johnson, Jr., president of Johnson Automatics, Inc., one of the nation's biggest producers of automatic weapons.
Mr. Johnson said he had completed a series of conferences with agents of European and Middle East and Far Eastern countries.
"Russia is definitely attempting to control all Asia and Europe," he said. "The United States, Britain and perhaps several other countries are determined that Russia shall not control those areas. Russian attrition and those areas must be prevented only by properly armed individuals who are organized and prepared to resist." — United Press.

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Kremlin Worried Over Morale Of The Red Army

Paris, Sept. 12.
Reports reaching Paris say that instructions have gone out from Moscow to all Russian Army Commanders in Germany and Austria expressing the Soviet leaders' "serious concern" at morale among their occupation troops in these countries, and banning all fraternisation with the population.

Britain Aiming At Atom Bomb

Copenhagen, Sept. 12.
Sir John Anderson, chairman of the British Committee, said today in an interview with the Copenhagen paper "National Tidende" that although Britain was still unable to produce atom bombs "we still are working to get them."
Sir John is visiting Professor Niels Bohr, who worked on atomic research in the United States during the war. — United Press.

Communist Raid In Kwangsi

Paklau, Kwangsi, Sept. 13.
Father Frank J. Becka, of the Maryknoll Mission at Paklau, Kwangsi Province, said today that 27 Communists were killed by 75 heavily-armed police and volunteers after the Reds had attacked the small prosperous village of Lung Shing and kidnapped the village head on Sept. 7.

"Being the end of the first rice season, there was plenty of money around," Father Becka said. "They burned the principal buildings in the town."

Becka said that there were 150 Communists in the raiding party which was pursued and engaged by the out-numbered police group led by Ue Sut Ling, chief of police at Paklau.
"They succeeded in securing the release of the captive," Becka asserted. "I'm convinced that Hainan Island is the stronghold of these raiders who make forays in this area." — Associated Press.

Junks Included In New Regulations

All vessels, including junks leaving Hong Kong, will not be allowed to discharge cargo except at ports of destination named in the clearances, according to a Government order published in the Gazette yesterday.

The order also forbids discharging of cargo in Hong Kong waters except at specified points.
The new regulations presumably are in line with the recent anti-smuggling agreement signed by the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments to curb contraband traffic in and out of China.

A Government spokesman told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that no information was yet available on the agreement. He added that he did not know when a statement would be made.

It is an open secret on the waterfront that some vessels leaving Hong Kong discharge cargo at ports not mentioned in their clearances from the local authorities. About a month ago trade between Hong Kong and Korea was done by ships clearing with cargo for Macao or Canton but discharging at Korean ports.

All Craft
The new order brings all types of craft under the law. Formerly the regulation applied only to steamships "exceeding 60 tons." The new regulations also increase the fine from \$200 to \$500 for infringement.
The regulations as published in the Gazette follow:
1. No person or thing shall be landed from any vessel out-ward bound, except in the port of destination named in the port of clearance.

Acting on these, Colonel General Kourasov, Soviet Commander-in-Chief in Austria, has sent the following message to all unit commanders in the Russian zone:
"For some time certain Army officers have fallen under the influence of bourgeois ideology. Following private contacts with the population, they have either adopted a hostile attitude to the Soviet, or have simply become traitors to their country. A certain number of officers have lost sight of their oath of fidelity, and are trying to satisfy their material appetites by enriching themselves. Moreover, they take up living quarters with foreigners, frequent music-halls and night-clubs, and abandon themselves to drink."
"Thus these officers begin to slide down the fatal slope leading to eternal shame. They forget they have been brought up under the discipline of the world's highest intellectual culture — Marx-Lenin-Stalinism. They forget too easily that they are armed with Stalin's doctrine, which is better than all others."

"Certain officers through intrigues with women have also placed themselves in a difficult situation, and through fear of punishment, have found themselves on the path of treason."
General Kourasov follows with a series of orders to the effect that bachelor officers must not live with foreigners; and all unit commanders must be kept constantly informed, day and night, of the whereabouts of their officers, and of these officers' relations with the population. — Our Own Correspondent.

Daring Coup In Rangoon

Rangoon, Sept. 12.
Three armed gangsters today got away with 200,000 rupees in a daring daylight robbery in the heart of Rangoon.
The money was destined for the Mercantile Bank of India, and was being taken by car to the Treasury.
The gangsters, after holding up the car, pushed the driver out and drove away.
A bank employee, who was in the car, was dumped on the outskirts of Rangoon.
No arrests have so far been reported. — Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metro band from 10.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

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10.30 p.m.—Service from the English Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. J. N. Sandbach.
11.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Music in Miniature."
12.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Mystery and Imagination."
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Songs from Europe.
1.30 p.m.—Studio: Fred Carpio and His Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.30 p.m.—"Star Parade" Favourites of Today and Yesterday.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: Weekly News-Letter.
7.15 p.m.—Sevenside.
7.20 p.m.—Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.
7.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Variety Orchestra Entertainers.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Dinner and Dessert" by Charles Dickens.
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. "Promenade" No. 15: Vaughan-Williams... Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis, B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
John Ingham... Concerto in E Flat Major, Elton John Piano and His Orchestra.
Morgan... Trio in G Major, Violin Viola and Cello.
Wainwright... Polka and Fugue from "Schwanda", Minneapolis Orchestra.
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At present the Line is operating only two of its pre-war fleet, the "Folk" and the "Bunker", plus six modern freighters.
George Killian, President, said today large luxury liners will go into trans-Pacific service early next year. They are the "President Wilson" and the "President Cleveland", now under construction.
Killian said industrialization of the Far East would both stimulate increased demand for American machinery and other materials, and also develop a heavy flow of passenger travel. — Associated Press.

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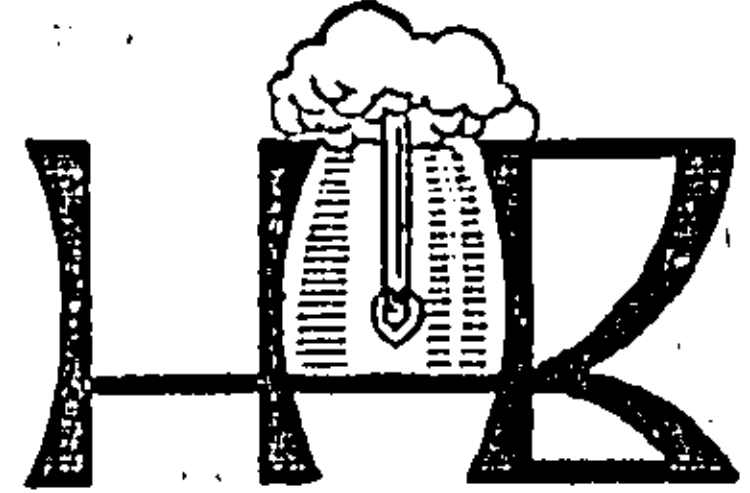
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THE BATTLE OF THE GAP

By The Rt. Hon. R. S. Hudson

They are calling it the Battle of The Gap. The forces of the Lean, frayed placement, have been called off. The dollar is out of the fight.

And the battle? The Objective? That you shall eat and that Britain shall survive. And into the Gap, into the fight until once again the forces of the West (or some Divine miracle) can come in again to save us from the dustheap, have been flung the farmers.

Minister of Agriculture Tom Williams has given the country a new battle cry: "Dig or die." In the country pubs, at the farm gates, in the fields, sun-burned faces were sombre and solemn as the men of the land discussed the Williams Plan.

And in the towns the women were asking about Dalton and the dollars. What does it mean? What further food cuts?

And then they talked more cheerfully of the cry of Mr. Williams. Hope at last. Salvation from our own soil. This at last, they said in the towns, this was the business.

An Impossibility

On a rough form, near the cowshed, sat Farmer Hudson. In his hand the Williams Plan. In his face the thoughts of a man perplexed, perhaps annoyed. He should know. He farms two thousand acres. You should know him. He was once a member of the Cabinet. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture. He folded the papers. And he said, simply: "It cannot be done. It is too late. Too late."

The townsmen, sat aback. "But there is every inducement, every sort of encouragement. You have carte blanche, one might say."

"It is two years too late," said Farmer Hudson. "Two years ago the farmers could be of use. To start now is asking us farmers to perform an impossible task. And we will be blamed if the plan is not a success."

"Too late," I said. "Impossible? Why?"

"Little, very little, can be done this year," said Farmer Hudson. "We can't do much until next May. If only we had started last May. Or the year before."

"Not even more pigs?" I said. "More poultry? What about

our bacon ration and our eggs?" "We had more than four million pigs in the country in 1939," he said. "Now we have less than two million. The others had to be slaughtered."

"We had over 70 million head of poultry. Now we have more than 20,000,000 less. They had to be slaughtered, too."

Disappointments

You may very well ask why. I suggest you ask Mr. Strachey. He was urged to get feeding stuffs for the pigs and poultry. He failed. His excuse was that the stuffs could not be got. So the pigs and poultry had to be slaughtered.

"Now we are told that more feeding stuff will be imported. How can the farmers believe it? They'll believe it when they see it. They have been disappointed too many times before."

"It is up to Mr. Strachey to say what imports have been made and make a monthly report what the stocks are. Only then can the farmers have any faith."

"Even then we have got to build up the numbers of pigs and poultry. That cannot be done at once just because a Minister produces a Plan."

The farmer who was once Minister of Agriculture turned the pages of the Williams decree.

"Building," he said. "Out of 20,000 farm cottages built in the areas of rural district councils less than a thousand are occupied by farm workers. But don't blame Mr. Williams for that. That is entirely Mr. Bevan's business."

"All along Mr. Williams has told his Cabinet colleagues that farm cottages must take priority. They would not listen. But now Nye Bevan has banned all private building—except that of cottages for farm workers. But it is too late. Two years too late!"

"They want more British workers to come into agriculture. But there is no accommodation for them. That is the end of that."

"Thousands of ex-Service men and their wives have been asking for work on the land. They have had to be refused. They cannot take jobs if they have nowhere to live."

"We are promised foreign labour. They mean some of

the people from Europe. D.P.s or European Voluntary Workers. Sixteen thousand of them are on the way. But at the same time we are losing 100,000 Germans who have become experienced and valuable workers."

"Many of the Germans would like to stay here. They know the farmers. They have made friends. But they would like to go home for a month to see their friends. They are told: 'Once you leave England you cannot come back.' What nonsense. What an inhuman attitude!"

Sheer Mischief

Mr. Dalton told us we were going to have food cuts. I said. Meat would have to suffer.

"We don't want to blame Mr. Williams for everything," he said. "In fact we think he is a trier. But we must face this: there are ten million sheep fewer than in 1939."

"The sheep population dropped five millions last winter. The weather killed most of them."

"Don't blame Mr. Williams for that although some say that many of these sheep might have lived if the Government had listened to the farmers' appeals for more fodder."

"You ask about more meat. I can only say that it will take four can only say that it will take four or five years for the flocks to recover."

"To ask the farmers at this hour to come forward and bridge the gap is sheer mischief. I can't find this position? That the burden has been placed on the farmers. If they fall it is their fault and not the fault of the Government?"

"The people have not been made aware of the great seriousness of the food situation. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Strachey actually said he was not worried about the immediate situation. What can you do about that?"

"It is time the people were told how grim things are. Really, they are grim. Grim indeed. The coming winter will surely be the worst in living memory. And the winter of 1948 will be even worse unless the United States can come in again and help."

The Miners

But we will do our best. You don't hear about absenteeism on the land. You don't hear any



cries for a forty-hour week. The farmer and his men are working 70 to 80 hours a week and they do not complain.

"The miners, on the other hand, expect their extra rations. They don't trouble about the men on the land working overtime to feed them."

"Yet if the miner pulled his full weight . . . If we had coal enough here and some to export . . . If. You know the miners have as much responsibility in feeding the people as the farmers. Coal is the crux of it all."

"The farmer has been availing his opportunity. All the time he has done his best with the tools available. Give him the tools and he will do the job."

"But it is no use making vague promises. Tell the farmer he must grow 500,000 acres more wheat and he will ask: 'Can I get a new combine next year? Can I have the tractor repaired? Can I get a few more men?'"

"He must be practical. He wants facts, not more promises."

Ruling Nature

Farmer Hudson, the ex-Minister of Agriculture, looked around him. Here and there in the distance were men busy in the evening sunlight. He shook his head.

"Two years too late," he said. "If only we had been told. You can't rule Nature from Whitehall."

And in Whitehall, later, they were discussing the Plan for the Land while the People talked about their rations.

And strictly between Whitehall and me and you they were little more optimistic than Farmer Hudson.

Help from the West, or some Divine Miracle. Either that or cuts, cuts and more cuts, until we are down to something like the rations that are shared in Germany today.

You'd Be Far Better Off In This Jail

I lived by crime and was in and out of the more notorious prisons in Britain at one period in my life. So blame my past (as a crime reporter) for the discovery recently that convicts in the United States live better than the man-in-the-street in Britain. Blame the past and my present troublesome curiosity.

It all began when I saw a report about a jail in Miami beside beautiful Biscayne Bay. The newspaper piece reads like something dreamed up for a holiday resort publicity man. Outdoor dining terraces overlooking the ocean, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, refined dance music and a fresh fruit-juice bar for the inmates!

Miami is quite a way, so I picked a prison nearer home—Westchester County penitentiary. I spent an hour behind bars in the custody of Acting Warden Arthur W. Trevett, whose people came from England, and it was in the spick-and-span kitchen watching a negro cook fry chunks of sizzling steak and hamburgers weighing nearly half a pound, for his fellow convicts that the rather un-patriotic idea first sneaked up on me.

As we walked the polished waxed floors of the three-storey building and I listened to Mr. Trevett's views on prison reform, the idea grew. Three well-balanced meals a day. Payment for work done, mostly in the open air. Cigarettes at 5d. a packet. Unrationed sweets on sale in the canteen for men who didn't smoke. A cinema showing the latest Hollywood films once a week. Saturday and Sunday off, with baseball on the diamond outside for the trusted prisoners. Indoor sports like pitching with rubber horses along the main corridor until 8 o'clock at night. Two hours of relayed radio into the cell-blocks after that.

"Lots of them hate to leave," said the Deputy Warden. "They would rather be here than in the poor-house."

Manhattan stores expect large shipments of British woollen goods, Scottish tweeds, Huddersfield worsteds and Macclesfield ties in time for Christmas. present buying. The President of a New York multiple store, who reached LaGuardia after a manufacturing survey in Britain, told me that despite restrictions our exporters will catch the Christmas market.

"And we'll sell out here as quickly as the goods arrive," he predicted.

But Mr. Samuel Slotkin, controller of one of the biggest meat-product companies in the world, is hoping Mr. John Strachey has not forgotten the plan they discussed together in London some time ago. The American wants to help stem the inflationary price trend here caused in part by overseas buying of beef, and at the same time to aid Britain.

He told Mr. Strachey that his firm was prepared to take sterling for their prepared meat products. The Food Minister was "very favourably impressed with the offer" to save precious dollars from the head of a company which has already sold Britain 25,000,000lb. of food this year. Since then Mr. Slotkin has heard nothing from Whitehall.

"HOKEY-COKEY" dance shots from the film of the week, "Frieda," are likely to start similar rowdy routines in Manhattan night clubs.

SEVEN 12-YEAR-OLD BOYS in Greenwich Village have formed "Baby Sitters Inc." Rates for looking after smaller children in the absence of the

parents are 2s. 6d. an hour, 3s. 6d. after midnight.

TELEVISION SETS—7,000 of them—in New York taverns are slowing down the tinkle of cash registers. "The old Scotch piano is growing cobwebs and the juke-box never takes a nickel when we screen a baseball game," growled out my favourite bartender.

IF YOU BOUGHT a second-hand American car in London within the last five months you may be driving a stolen vehicle. New York detectives have broken up a gang of car thieves, and believe that some of the cars were ferried to Southampton, sold in London.

TALL TALE from lanky comedian Bob Burns. He claims he overheard two mosquitoes discussing his fate. One was for dragging him home. The second said, "No. Let's eat him now. If we take him home the Elg 'uns will get him."

BILLY ROSE, vest-pocket impresario, plans an Earl's Court version of his World's Fair Aquacade for mid-February, with shapely wife Eleanor Holm, and Johnny (Tarzan) Wellesmiller.

BY HOLT

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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

ZBW

For the amount of money allotted to it in the Annual Estimates, ZBW does an excellent job of work. For the amount of money the listening public pays for its Wireless Receiving Licences, they get very poor value. This seeming paradox is somewhat typical of the state of affairs in Hong Kong's broadcasting world generally.

For instance, take the announcers. On the one hand, they are supposed to sound too cultured. On the other, their ignorance in cultural matters—even in such things as the pronunciation of names—is appalling. A number of people write in regularly to the Press, complaining about short-comings in ZBW. Yet very few are prepared to come forward and lend a hand. And so on, all the way through the Heath Robinsonish set-up that calls itself ZBW.

One of the major snags is, of course, the shortage of money. Speaking without the book, I believe the allocation for broadcasting in Malaya is around 11K.88,000,000 this year. ZBW's allocation is only \$158,031—rather that is the amount set aside for both ZBW and its Chinese sister, ZEK, and incidentally, is \$12,717 less than the amount provided for in the 1946-47 Estimates.

Of the \$158,000-odd, some \$48,000 goes in salaries to staff and about \$18,000 to incidentals, rent of studios, etc., leaving the sum of \$92,000 to be spent on what actually comes out of your loudspeaker—Artists and Announcers, \$48,000 (including some \$4,000 for translators and occasional staff); Records, \$9,000; and Royalties and Reuter's fee, \$38,000.

The important item when considering charges of poor announcing, indifferent artists and so on is, of course, the \$45,000 for artists and announcers. Both ZBW and ZEK broadcast an average of about six hours a day, so that if this amount is shared equally between them, the total amount ZBW has available to pay artists, announcers, etc. is only a fraction over \$10 an hour! That may not sound bad, but an hour's programme may take anywhere up to a whole day to prepare.

Take also the now defunct "Weekly Round-Up of Local News." I used to be one of those who prepared the script for this fifteen-minute broadcast; having had a certain amount of experience in my time, I was able to get the work done far faster than anyone else—but it took me a good two to three hours!

Not that a shortage of money is the sole thing that is wrong with ZBW—though an increased allocation would enable a lot more to be done. The trouble goes deeper than that. ZBW is, of course, Government-owned and operated, and its full-time staff are Government servants. Unfortunately, too, it is not a self-contained Department; being merely an appendage of the Post Office.

Even if ZBW were manned exclusively by ex-BBC experts—and there are today at least two who were with the BBC—it would come up against the difficulty that the Postmaster-General (whoever he might be) is able to exercise an autocratic rule over its finances and its programmes. His "veto" powers are second only to those of a Molotov. If the PMG hates classical music, only the barest minimum will go on the air. If jazz is an anathema to him, his Bach will be worse than his Beethoven!

Two of the BBC's best, and most popular, announcers were Canadians who made no attempt to hide their accents—Gerry Wilmet and Stanley "I Was At Armheim" Maxted. Yet in Hong Kong, which is part of the Empire and Commonwealth, an announcer—with a Canadian, Australian or other Dominion accent, no matter how good he may be, hasn't a hope of getting on the air as a regular announcer.

Have you ever wondered why there are no women announcers? Lynn Fraser, Nicki Lorraine and Marion Glover are regulars on the programmes, but they are very good and, with perhaps a couple

of exceptions, far and away better than any of the men announcers on ZBW. They definitely have a "microphone personality," they sound as if they are enjoying themselves and they communicate that enjoyment to listeners. But apart from their special programmes, you don't hear them doing the general announcing. Why? Cos PMG no like women announcers?

ZBW will never amount to much so long as it remains an insignificant section in a Government department. ZBW will never be able to do much so long as it is forced to operate on a shoestring. A great fuss is made of Hong Kong, its importance as a major port in the Far East, and so on. When it comes to broadcasting, it may well hang its head in shame. Only this week, news came from Singapore of what

programme with any degree of intelligence or interest. I am reminded here of the apocryphal story of the announcer who said: "The next item is the Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, composed by Bach-Stokowski." Hastily informed by an indignant listener over the telephone that the hyphen meant that this particular work was composed by Bach and arranged by Stokowski, he then went on to announce "The Flight of the Bumble Bee, composed by Rimsky and arranged by Korsakov."

The public, too, could help by letting ZBW know how it likes or dislikes the various features and programmes. At the moment ZBW has no means of assessing the popularity or otherwise of its programmes. An occasional letter to the Press, couched in



Something special in the way of "gongs" was distributed by the Austin Motor Co. Ltd. at a recent luncheon in its Longbridge (Birmingham) Works. Mr. L. P. Lord, chairman and managing director, presented silver plaques to representatives of three Overseas distributors of Austin cars commemorating the 25th anniversary of their association with the company. Seen above with Mr. Lord are J. R. Ross, managing director of Alex. Ross & Co. (China) Ltd., Hong Kong; A. R. Malcolm, managing director of The Borneo Co. Ltd., London (representing Borneo Motors Ltd., Singapore); and R. Knight, representing Blyth Brothers & Co., Mauritius.

was erroneously termed the "threatened radio war for the ear of Asia."

Manila is to operate the most powerful radio station outside Moscow. Six giant transmitters are to be erected in Singapore, quite apart from the four already operated by the "British Far Eastern Broadcasting Service." The Dutch are to build a powerful station in Batavia. China plans to build one at Nanking. India is looking for new equipment. Saigon Radio is being modernised. Siam is to increase the power of its transmitters at Bangkok. Within the next 12 months there will be nearly 20 stations of 100-kilowatts or more broadcasting in Asia.

And in Hong Kong? In Hong Kong, ZBW is operating on a decreased budget; its big feature is a total of some 80 minutes a day of transcribed BBC programmes generously provided free of charge by that body; and those who might be planning and working out better programmes are forced to devote far too much of their time to paper-work—that bugbear of all Government offices comprehensively labelled "Admin."

That's the position in a nutshell. ZBW's chances of getting an increased allocation are pretty slim, so far as I can see at the moment. Can nothing, therefore, be done to improve matters at least slightly? Yes, there are one or two things. For instance, announcers. For the most part, they are pretty bad—they mispronounce words, their delivery is toneless, their "commentary" little more than the bare announcement of Time and Tide. And yet, it is little use people complaining—ZBW has to make the best with what it can get. If more members of the public were willing to devote their time (more or less free of charge!) and send in their names for an audition, we might well find that Hong Kong could produce a few really good announcers.

Announcers should be trained and classified. Bill Smith may have less idiom and knowledge at his fingertips, but he will therefore probably have very little knowledge of the music, the drama, the science and the history of the world, and so on.

By ARTHUR GEE

the spectators at the match was Ted Kavanagh, the famous script writer of Britain's funniest programme.

The programme makes, of course, the usual mistake of confusing Hong Kong with China—understandable in a way, perhaps, as Sing Tao's captain, Fung King-cheong, played for China in the last Olympic Games.

Corwin

Hong Kong will have a unique opportunity this week of listening to the broadcast of a programme by Norman Corwin who is acknowledged on both sides of the Atlantic to be the world's leading radio dramatist. Two of his plays, broadcast by the BBC when I was Home in 1944-45, were deservedly popular. You may know them—"The Odyssey of Runyon Jones" and "My Client Curley," the dancing caterpillar.

His latest feature, produced in New York by Corwin himself as head of the United Nations radio division, was flown to London and is being broadcast to the General Overseas Service of the BBC on Tuesday next at 10.30 p.m. Hong Kong time: It will be relayed by ZBW. Entitled "The Time is Now," it is a sort of feature programme depicting the meaning of the United Nations to ordinary people everywhere.

Corwin raised radio—or part of it, anyway—from an industry to an art. His plays are written for broadcasting and combining as they do experiments on new lines, fantasy, humour and food for thought, all in one, it is little wonder that Carl Van Doren should say that he is "the American radio what Marlowe was to the Elizabethan stage."

general terms and usually consisting merely of destructive criticism, is of little value.

On the other hand, a barrage of letters to the Press, clamouring for an overhaul of the whole system of running ZBW and for a decent revision upwards of the financial allocation, might be just what is needed. You won't get anything in this world if you don't ask, and keep on asking. Incidentally, although the estimated receipts this year from wireless receiving licences was put at \$150,000, my information is that this has already been exceeded substantially and there's lots more coming in.

Sing Tao

By post from England this week came copies of the programme issued by Dulwich Hamlet Football Club in honour of its match on August 23 against Hong Kong's Sing Tao Sports Club team. Dulwich, soccer fans will recall, won 5-2 after leading by three clear goals scored within the first 18 minutes of play.

The programme is noteworthy for a number of features, the chief of which is an address of welcome in Chinese—probably the first time this has happened in the history of English soccer. The message was written for Dulwich in Chinese characters by Dr. Y. S. Chen, First Secretary to the Chinese Embassy, and, translated, reads: "The Dulwich Hamlet Football Club extend hearty greetings to the Sing Tao Sports Club, Hong Kong, upon the occasion of their first football match in England, and hope they will have happy memories of their visit to Dulwich."

Many of Dulwich Hamlet's players and supporters are familiar with Hong Kong, as the programme notes point out. For instance, Dulwich Hamlet's goalkeeper, Arthur Rheeby, led the first Fleet Air Arm flight over this Colony. Those who remember the funny little Chinese washerman who occasionally appeared (via a telephone) in the "China" programmes are warned that he may be playing in the team again for a while.

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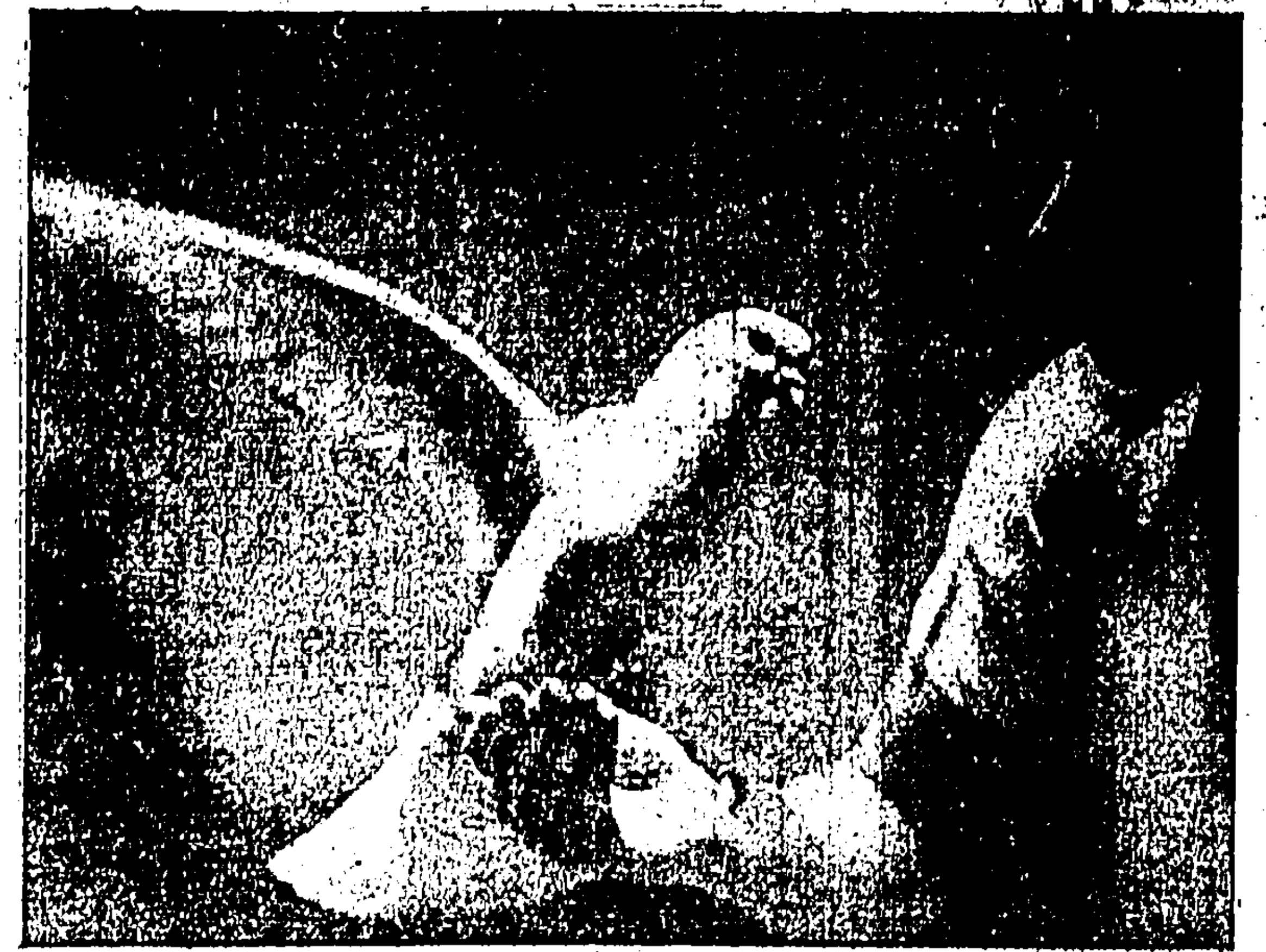
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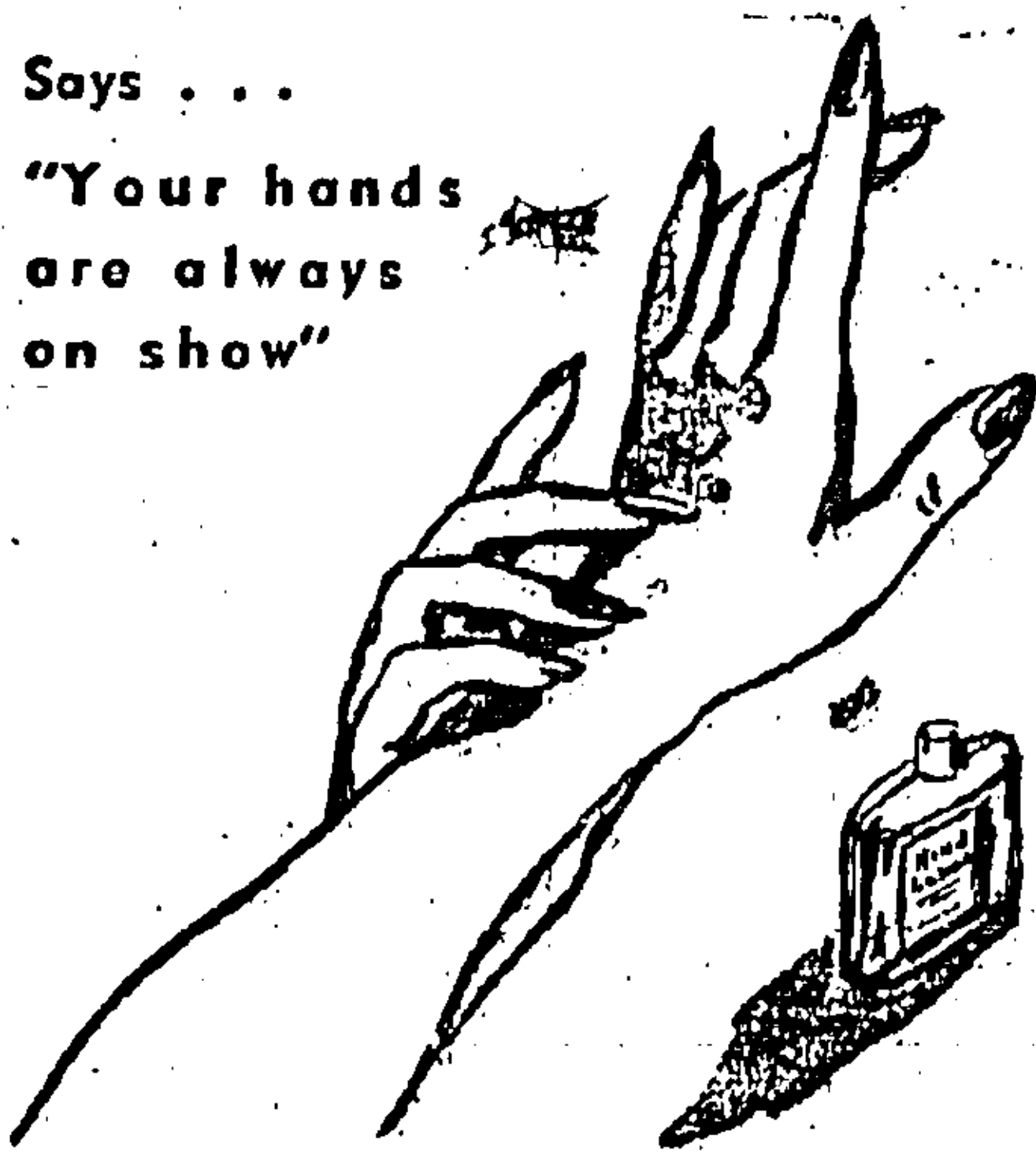
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"No More Hesitation" Is Keynote Of Cripps Crisis Plan

London, Sept. 12.

For the first time since the opening of the dollar crisis the Labour Government today announced a number of vital decisions on crisis policies on which it was hitherto divided. The targets and measures outlined by Sir Stafford Cripps, the President of the Board of Trade, to representatives of both sides of British industry, went far beyond a mere export programme.

Observers felt that they sounded the death knell of the period of hesitation and usurers in an era of thorough-going economic planning following in a number of points the demands of the Government's Left Wing critics within the Labour movement.

The policy decisions, contained in the Cripps speech can be listed as follows:

1.—For short term closing of the dollar gap by an all-out export drive at the expense of home consumption, rather than to rely on the timely arrival of new American help.

In this decision, the desire "not to be tied by economic strings to the political policies of other countries, however friendly", played an important role in overcoming the opposite tendency to regard the short term problem as insoluble by Britain's own unaided forces.

2.—Bilateralism and Commonwealth development.

The Cabinet have accepted that, for the time being, Britain will be forced into a "large degree of bilateral trading" and that Commonwealth trade relations must be developed to the utmost, as they alone will provide true multilateralism at least within the sterling area.

As a corollary, British exports will be deliberately directed into markets where they can pay for the needed goods.

The overall directions of the export drive will be in the hands of a committee comprising representatives of the Foreign, Commonwealth Relations and Colonial Offices, along with those of production departments under the chairmanship of the 31-year-old Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, regarded as one of the most brilliant younger Socialist intellectuals in the Cabinet.

3.—Order of priorities.—Exports have been recognised as a first charge on British productive capacity, labour and material resources, with the expansion of coal and power production and essential transport safeguarded, and all other industries taking what is left.

New Cuts

To free the necessary resources for the export drive, new cuts will be made, not only in goods available for the home consumption, but in the size of Britain's armed forces and in the capital expenditure outside safeguarded industries.

One gap in the Cripps announcement concerned the question how much of the projected capital expenditure cuts of up to £200,000,000 a year will fall respectively on non-priority industrial machinery, public buildings like hospitals and schools and on the housing programme—an issue apparently still under review.

4.—Method of allocations.—The Government have maintained their policy of making the necessary reallocation of

IT ELIMINATES BUT CAN'T BE ELIMINATED

Madison, Wis., Sept. 12.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, who helped to develop the atomic bomb, told the Chicago University forum today that only a world government could control the bomb and prevent atomic wars.

Dr. Urey warned that there is no possibility of eliminating the use of atomic energy from the military standpoint until war is eliminated.—United Press.

reserves not by deflationary measures in the monetary field but by the use of physical controls.

Targets

Industries and individual firms are warned that they will find labour and material withdrawn if they do not fulfil their respective export targets as programmed by the Board of Trade and progressed through the regional machinery.

At the same time, the Government seems determined to work as far as possible in agreement with, and by the means of, industries' own organisations, possibly delegating some allocation functions to them and to use its powers of compulsion only as a last resort.

5.—Labour direction: While confident that the measures adopted would prove sufficient to check the drift of manpower into essential occupations without more positive compulsion, the Government apparently worked out a new scheme for achieving the transfer of labour as between industries which will become necessary under the new priority scale.

Following the suggestion made some time ago by the miners' union, the Government have recommended that workers leaving their customary industry to take a priority job under the new plan should be assured of the return to their former place of work once the emergency is passed, on the principle applied to workers conscripted into the armed forces during the war.

By this means, it was hoped to accomplish the necessary transfers on a voluntary basis.—Reuter.

Richest Woman Tries It Again



American tobacco heiress Doris Duke, sometimes described as "the richest girl in the world," seen after her marriage on Sept. 1 in the Dominican Legation, Paris, to Forstio Rubicon, honorary Charge d'Affaires at the Legation and recently divorced husband of French film star Danielle Darrieux. The bride is wearing a green changeable taffeta dress with diamond earrings and gold and diamond necklace.—AP Photo.

Woman Brains Of Big Black Market Ring

Frankfurt, Sept. 12.

The U.S. Military Police announced today that they had smashed "one of the most flourishing black market enterprises in Germany" and were continuing investigations involving high-ranking German and American officials.

Under arrest as the brains of the racket is Mrs. Ann Bachmann, born in New York City on August 1, 1913, but registered with the German police as a German citizen since 1940. Recently, she stabbed a taxi-driver in the temple with an uncaped fountain pen in a street argument. Investigation led to the discovery of many incriminating documents in her home.

The Military Police said many more arrests were expected here and in the United States from their inquiries. One suspect under surveillance is an American Army Master Sergeant who acted as chief contact for Mrs. Bachmann and her 45-year-old husband.

WAC-Like Costume

Mrs. Bachmann, using a War Department identification card and travelling on Army orders dressed in a WAC-like costume of olive drab, was able to swing deals involving many thousands of dollars in items such as jewelry and optical glass, which she returned multiplied amounts on the black market.

Soviet Accused By Washington

Washington, Sept. 12.

The U.S. State Department tonight published a White Paper on "The United Nations and the problem of Greece" which accused the Russians of "thwarting the clearcut will of an overwhelming majority of the members of the Security Council."

The White Paper accused Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, and Albania of "delaying, sabotaging and obstructing" the investigations of the United Nations Balkan Commission and insisted that these countries had been giving definite encouragement and assistance to the Greek guerrilla movement.

The timing of the publication on the eve of the United Nations General Assembly at which the Greek issue is to be discussed was regarded as emphasizing the report's realization of the recent warning of Mr. Herschel Johnson, the United States representative at the United Nations.

Mr. Johnson said:

The men are marked for duty in Greece and the Morgan has been ordered to the Mediterranean.

Long Report

The 100-page White Paper included a comprehensive report on the work and conclusions of the United Nations Greek frontier commission and of the subsequent action by the Security Council.

This report was written by Mr. Henry N. Howard, chief of the Search Branch of the State Department's Near East Division, who was adviser to the United States delegation on the Greek issue.

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PLAIN SPEAKING

Some of the plainest speaking that has yet been heard on the current international situation came from President Truman in his Petropolis speech. Everywhere, except in Moscow, his expression of bitter disappointment at the shape of the post-war world will be warmly endorsed, and even in Moscow there can be no mistaking the direction in which his warnings were addressed. Wherever we look we find the same source of frustration, whether it be the abuse of the veto which is reducing the United Nations to impotence, the failure of agreement on a peace settlement in Germany and Austria, or the Iron Curtain behind which no nation is free from an ever increasing grip of Soviet domination.

No one who cherishes liberty can fail to be disquieted by the progress of intervention exemplified by the elections in Hungary. It may well be true that Russia, with her obsession about the inveterate hostility of non-Communist countries, hopes that America will return to her tradition of isolation. If President Truman can carry conviction with the majority of his countrymen that is a hope doomed to disappointment. An America strong and resolved, as he assured the world, to use her strength to uphold the peace and the ideals for which the war was won is the indispensable foundation alike of peace and reconstruction. But the contemporary obstacles to progress are not only political. President Truman addressed himself to the economic difficulties which beset almost every part of the world outside America herself—difficulties arising not alone from the devastation of war but also from its psychological aftermath. Here again America is in a unique position to help, both because of her immense economic strength and of the immunity of her shores from the physical afflictions of war. The President renewed the assurance, already tendered in the Marshall offer, that assistance would be forthcoming up to the full limits within which it could be effective. The "effectiveness" is a necessary and important proviso, and the implied warning should not be overlooked. It is impossible not to feel some misgiving at the course of the conference convened in Paris to draft the response to the Marshall offer. From the first it was manifest that a mere list of needs to be filled by America would carry Europe nowhere. Help, to be effective, must be based on the self-help of the recipients, but this aspect of the matter has figured far less prominently than the needs. Self-help means, in the first place, a reorganisation of Europe's economic structure: so as to assure a fruitful expansion of mutual trade. The draft report of the financial committee of the conference shows some progress in this direction, but it is still only a small instalment towards the solution of the problem. Secondly, each individual nation must set its own house in order. Here Britain, for one, leaves much to be desired. The coal situation, to mention nothing else, cannot but make the most lamentable impression on outside observers. The American Congressmen who have just arrived to study conditions might well ask how a country in our desperate plight could permit itself the strikes just happily settled in the South Yorkshire coalfield. On the other hand, we may be also entitled to ask whether America's own fiscal policies are adapted to overcoming the dollar crisis. In particular, is America prepared to take payment in imports for the vast exports which she is so anxious to sustain? Is her attack on Imperial Preference calculated to assist us to our feet? In short, the questions to be asked are not only on one side. Whether, or not, Mr. Bevin is adjudged as doing his thinking out loud, he has at least made it clear that satisfactory answers have still to be given on both sides.

This school of thought is very assertive today on the back benches of the Labour Party. But it did not originate there; it has been active in the House of Commons for generations past. In the present century it has been largely responsible for our being caught unprepared by the two successive world wars. Twice over that unpreparedness has entailed heavy casualties on ourselves and terrible miseries on the Allies who trusted in us. And twice over it has come near to ending our very existence as a nation. Have we learned nothing from those fearful experiences? The Labour chiefs have at least learned to be reticent about their part in bringing them about. You do not hear them boasting today that they voted (as they did) against conscription within five months of the last war, or that they opposed (as they did) the increase of the R.A.F. at the very moment when Hitler was enabling the Luftwaffe to outdistance it. But the Labour rank and file have in many cases learned nothing; and already once in this sphere of politics—in reference to the period of conscription service—Mr. Attlee and his colleagues have shown themselves without the firmness to resist ill-informed pressure from below.

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News of the Indian bloodshed will afford the Arab League the melancholy satisfaction that it warned the Indian Moslems of the dangers of splitting their country along religious lines. When Mr. Jinnah discussed Pakistan in Cairo last year, he received, instead of a warm welcome to the prospective State, a lecture on the overriding importance of a national unity. Outside the Middle East the significance of the Arab League's choice of racial association in stead of Islam as the basis of union is not always appreciated. Yet the choice not only cemented Christian and Moslem Arab in a strong league but was also intended to seal off the Arab world as an area for independent development.

Freedom from foreign interference is the linchpin of Arab League unity. At the time of its inception—March, 1945—this seemed a practicable policy, and on the assumption that the United Nations would provide a reliable system of world security the Arab world planned itself as one self-contained region of the larger organisation and prepared to shun any narrower commitments.

Today the dissipation of the dream of world unity in the face of the sharpening quarrel between Russia and the West is testing the League's theory of autonomy. While the reaction of most of its members has been to accelerate their drive for independence and neutrality, Iraq and Transjordan feel that Arab isolation is impractical. Believing that the strategic position and wealth of the "buffer" States of Turkey and Persia, in the hope that a Moslem bloc from the Black Sea to the Persian Gulf would attract the support of Britain and the United States.

The interweaving of this broad plan with Transjordan's ambition to rule Greater Syria made the talks of the ruling Hashemite family with Turkey look like a move for Syria's enlargement.

ECONOMISING In SAFETY

By SCRUTATOR

At times of economic pressure, when the nation is being urged to "cut its coat according to its cloth," there is always a school of thought which argues that the first and easiest thing to economise upon is the strength-of the Services. Do we want more man-power? Get it, they say, by bringing men from the Forces back to civil life. Do we want to spend less foreign currency? Save it, they say, by employing fewer and smaller Service units abroad—in Germany, in the Middle East, in the Indian Ocean or in Japan. After all, they suggest, it does not matter how large or small your forces are, unless there is a war; and if anybody is so wicked as to suggest that another war may come, down with him! Do not his words prove him a bellicose hothed, fundamentally underserving of credence?

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back of their minds they assume that such expenditure is money thrown away; that it "makes for militarism," and is a source of danger to peace. They do not realise that, Britain being the most pacific Power in the world, the stronger Britain is, the stronger peace is; and, vice versa, that when Britain is weak, peace is weak. Yet that, too, was well shown in the thirties. Once Germany and Italy were able to snap their fingers at Great Britain they soon snapped them at peace itself.

The continuing importance of Britain's prestige in the world can hardly be over-estimated. In every main sphere of international co-operation—politics, administration, commerce, banking, and maritime practice—she can draw on an experience longer and wider than that of any other people. But her power of rendering service to others depends vitally on her power of holding her own. The world will believe in her only as long as she believes in herself.

Wealth And Defence

To this there are two sides—economic and politico-military, wealth and defence. On one of these sides, the economic, she is temporarily suffering a severe blow. I believe it is temporary; I believe, as the Government believe, that it can be overcome. But nothing would so much hamper our overcoming it as any display of weakness on the other, the politico-military, side. From the Parliamentary standpoint our temporary poverty might make a reduction of defence expenditure more plausible. But from the international standpoint it would render it much more difficult to effect without our losing status irreparably.

Certain Service economies have, of course, been in prospect through such savings arising out of the withdrawal of our forces from Italy, from Greece, or from India. Those from the evacuation of India will now for perfectly legitimate reasons be realised earlier than could six months ago be foreseen. But their extent should not be exaggerated. We cannot simply strike off the Army and Air Force the whole of the units hitherto forming the white element in India's defences. The bulk of them will still be needed for our garri- sons and strategic reserves elsewhere.

The figure hitherto adopted by the Government for March 31, 1948, is 1,087,000 men in the three Services. The total is made up of two components—750,000 representing the "basic needs" of the three Services, and 337,000 due to various abnormal commitments. Of the latter much the largest is the occupation of Germany, which (taking Army, Navy and Air Force together) is reckoned to require about 210,000 men. These units represent a special cost in foreign exchange, which creates a special motive for reducing them. But they could not be reduced without an immediate weakening of our authority in Europe; since for any of the Great Powers to retain a full voice in the post-war settlement the effective discharge of its part in the occupation of Germany obviously remains a *sine qua non*.

Any effective defence system must in each of the three Services supply five needs: (1) trained units in the first line to protect our territory and communications; (2) trained units to act as strategic reserves and striking forces; (3) units undertaking special services like the occupation of Germany; (4) units of untrained men undergoing training; (5) administrative personnel and specialists, including experts in new forms of warfare. What is very important is that the first three should not go without divisional, corps and army training (as starved numbers often compelled them to do between the wars), and that (4) should be a separate footing. The system whereby already we send very young troops to Germany to do most of their training there is not fair to inexperienced boys; and it might disclose a grave weakness in our forces of occupation, if they came at any time to be seriously tested.

Above all, the final yardstick should be safety and not cost. We cannot afford to be unsafe; and the forces which we judge indispensable to defend us are not the first things for us to cut down, but the last. Even for economic purposes it will pay us to keep the high line, and refuse to abdicate our national status. For if Heaven helps those who help themselves, so mankind backs those who hold their heads up. That, too, our experience should by now have taught us.

Arab League And India

By ROBERT C. NOBLE

ute "Moslem" policy was bound to raise the whole question of Arab autonomy.

It is doubtful how long this equivocal situation can continue. So far the Arab League Council, in private session, has managed to head off the Hashemites from an open breach, but outside the council chamber agitation provokes rumour and controversy. The League secretariat, it is reported, has now taken the significant step of canvassing members' opinions on calling an

extraordinary session to discuss admission the League of Turkey, Persia and Indonesia.

Perhaps it is the calculation of the League that, by airing all the opposition to adventure into Islamic politics, it will counterbalance the agitation and convince its Hashemite members of the futility of further attempts to align the League with any form of Eastern bloc.

Even if it succeeded, however, the League would be no nearer solving its real problem—where its policy of Arab isolation would enable its real hold aloof from a major clash between East and West, and if not, which way and at what pace it should move along the growing tension.—Our Own Correspondent.

Blood Plasma Flown To Victims Of Liner Explosion

Belfast, Sept. 12.

One thousand pounds of blood plasma were flown from Liverpool to Belfast today in a bid to save the lives of 32 men who lay seriously injured here after last night's explosion in the 17,000-ton British liner "Reina del Pacifico."

Some of them were said to be "terribly burned." An official of the Pacific, the ship's company, said: "The whole thing is a mystery to us. There is no suggestion of sabotage."

The explosion took place when the "Reina del Pacifico" was on her way to Belfast after war service as a troop ship, was on her trials off the Copeland Islands, near Belfast. Throughout the night, the ship was being towed by the tug "Heron" and the tug "Heron" was being towed by the tug "Heron."

MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

By ATTICUS

It may seem outrageous to compare Mr. Churchill with Marshal Petain. Certainly the contrast between their characters could not be greater. In the hour of crisis Mr. Churchill took the hard way, Petain the soft.

But present times remind me that when that great writer, M. Andre Gide, was here in the early summer, he referred to a statement made by Petain on the eve of the collapse of France as the most succinct and admirable example of the truth. As French is the most difficult of all languages to translate, I have been at some pains to obtain a correct English rendering. The best translation that I have received comes from one of the most brilliant of the "new boys" of the Foreign Office. Ten words shorter than Petain's original, it reads:

Victory won, self-sacrifice yielded place to self-indulgence. Our deserts fell short of our demands, and being thirsty only in energy we encountered disaster.

He would be a foolishly bold man who could say that these words do not apply to our own crisis.

Nursery For Tigers

After Mr. Bevin had been two months at the Foreign Office he stated that there was nothing wrong with the personnel except that it was too small and too badly paid. I should say that the Foreign Office has always provided plenty of brains but very little brawn, and before the recent war I advocated our sending a couple of husky "Rugger" Blues to Washington, not for work, but in order to show the Americans that we could still produce men. I have recently taken the measure of two young tiger-cubs who I think will go far.

One is Mr. Frederick Warner, a near relation of Sir "Plum" Warner, and an ex-naval man who has brought to the Foreign Office something of the Navy's coolness in crisis and capacity for quick decision. He has already won a good mark for himself by his conduct at one of the interminable and indecisive quadripartite committees. The Russian delegates had, according to their habit, walked out, leaving the British, American and French delegates agitated and inactive. Young Mr. Warner piped up gallily: "I propose that we carry on without the Russians." His suggestion was accepted.

My other future ambassador is Mr. J.L. Pumphrey, now one of Sir Orme Sargent's private secretaries. A son of Mr. C.E. Pumphrey, the famous Cambridge sprinter, cross-country champion, "Rugger" three-quarter and first-class eluistic, this young Pumphrey has all the qualifications of a hero-man. In the war from the start, he was captured by the Germans and spent his time as a prisoner learning excellent Russian.

Mr. Bracken's Forte

The real forte of Mr. Brendan Bracken, now on his way to South Africa to visit the mines of Union Corporation, Ltd., is finance, of which he is a master. He is greatly helped by a photographic memory and an immense interest in his subject.

The memory and the interest have been with him since his early youth. It is now nearly thirty years since the young Bracken came to this country from Australia, went to Sedburgh, paid his own fees with his own cheque, and signed his name in the school register as his own guardian. He was then on the verge of seventeen and was a difficult boy to place, being very proficient in some subjects and totally ignorant of others.

Mr. Sumner, outstanding among the Sedburgh masters of those days, remembers "B.B." very well. On Sundays he used to have his senior boys into his study, feed them on cocoa and cake, and read them a paper on some modern topic. On one occasion he chose foreign ex-

change. At the end a red-headed boy who had been lying in front of the fire uncured himself and with a brilliant flow of words tore the master's argument to pieces, illustrating his comment with copious quotations from the Blue Books of a dozen countries.

The master was deeply impressed. The boy was Brendan Bracken, now a much-respected Governor of his old school.

Young Mr. Cobbold

I learn that the member of the British delegation in Washington who made the biggest impression on the Americans was not the staid Sir Wilfrid Eady but the deceptively unassuming Mr. Cameron Cobbold.

Not yet forty-three, Mr. Cobbold was not only one of Lord Norman's young men at the Bank of England, he was the young man of the late Governor, became his "right-hand" in the Bank of International Settlements, and even before the war, when he had hardly begun to use a razor, was being confidently tipped in the City as the future Governor of the Bank. He is more than half-way there already.

At first sight he looks unimpressive. Further acquaintance reveals the secret of his success: it is complete integrity and complete ruthlessness. His work and his recreation are finance, and his recreation is finance before politics, and is quite capable of criticising a Tory or a Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer with equal vigour.

He has taken part in nearly all the post-war international conferences on finance, and is a tough negotiator. He lives in The White House, but, although he knows his American life, it is not the Washington White House. His White House is in Albany Street, London.

The U.S. Reads History

The other week I referred to the success of Emily Eden's "The Semi-Attached Couple" in the United States. An American friend now sends me details of another English best-seller. This is Arnold Toynbee's "A Study of History." Even the single abridged volume runs to 600 pages, and by all standards of comparison is solid reading.

My American friend assures me—and I do not believe that he is pulling my leg—that the book has already reached a sale of over 100,000 copies. Americans have long had a fierce thirst for culture which has probably increased since, like Russia, the United States won the war single-handed.

What I should really like to know is whether culture has reached the point of actual reading or still stops short at putting a cultural book in a prominent place in a Middle-West drawing room.

Two Rugby Stalwarts

Rugby football has lost two of its giants in Sir George D'Oyly Lyon and Mr. Michael Ryan. Sir George played for the United Services in the days when they were the most formidable side in the country. An England's full-back he was perhaps a little slow to be called the "best ever" but he had a tackle like Gamin's, and speedy, wing three-quarters who had once been put down by him did not relish facing him a second time.

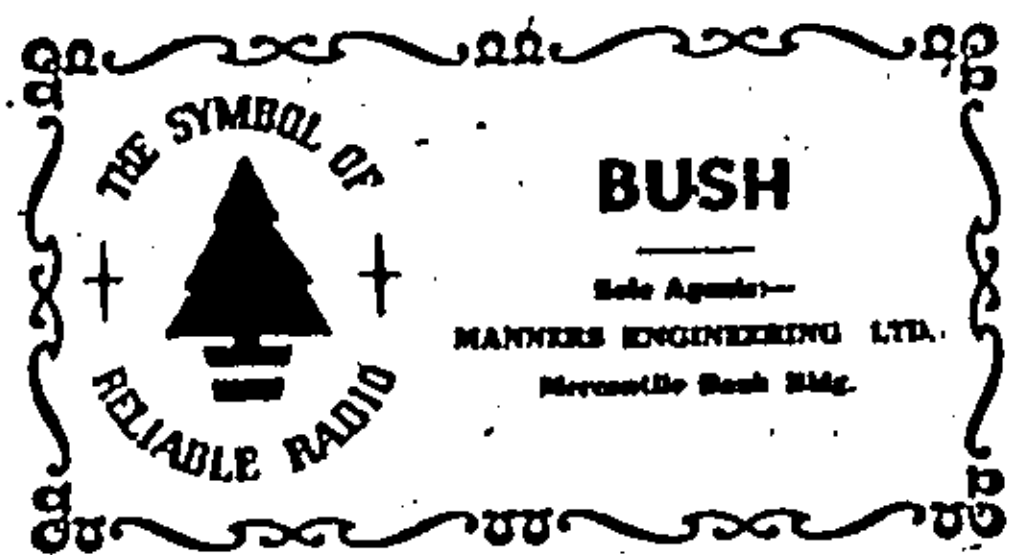
Micky Ryan, who was killed by lightning in Tipperary at the age of seventy-six, has passed into legend and will remain for all time, the greatest Irish forward, against whom all future heroes will be measured. He played at the turn of the century when Wales was easily the best country. But against Ireland with Ryan and his brother playing, who was never sure of victory. Immensely strong, the two Ryans were formidable and ferocious but clear players. Micky was the hero of a classic remark. During an international, when the ball had been kicked out of the ground, his great voice was heard shouting: "Boys, never mind the ball; let's get on with the game."

The Hong Kong Government Civil Service List for 1947

We have been entrusted by the Government with the Printing and Publishing of the only 1947 Edition of the Civil Service List. This edition, the first since 1941 will contain about 400 pages, and will be ready for publication at the end of September.

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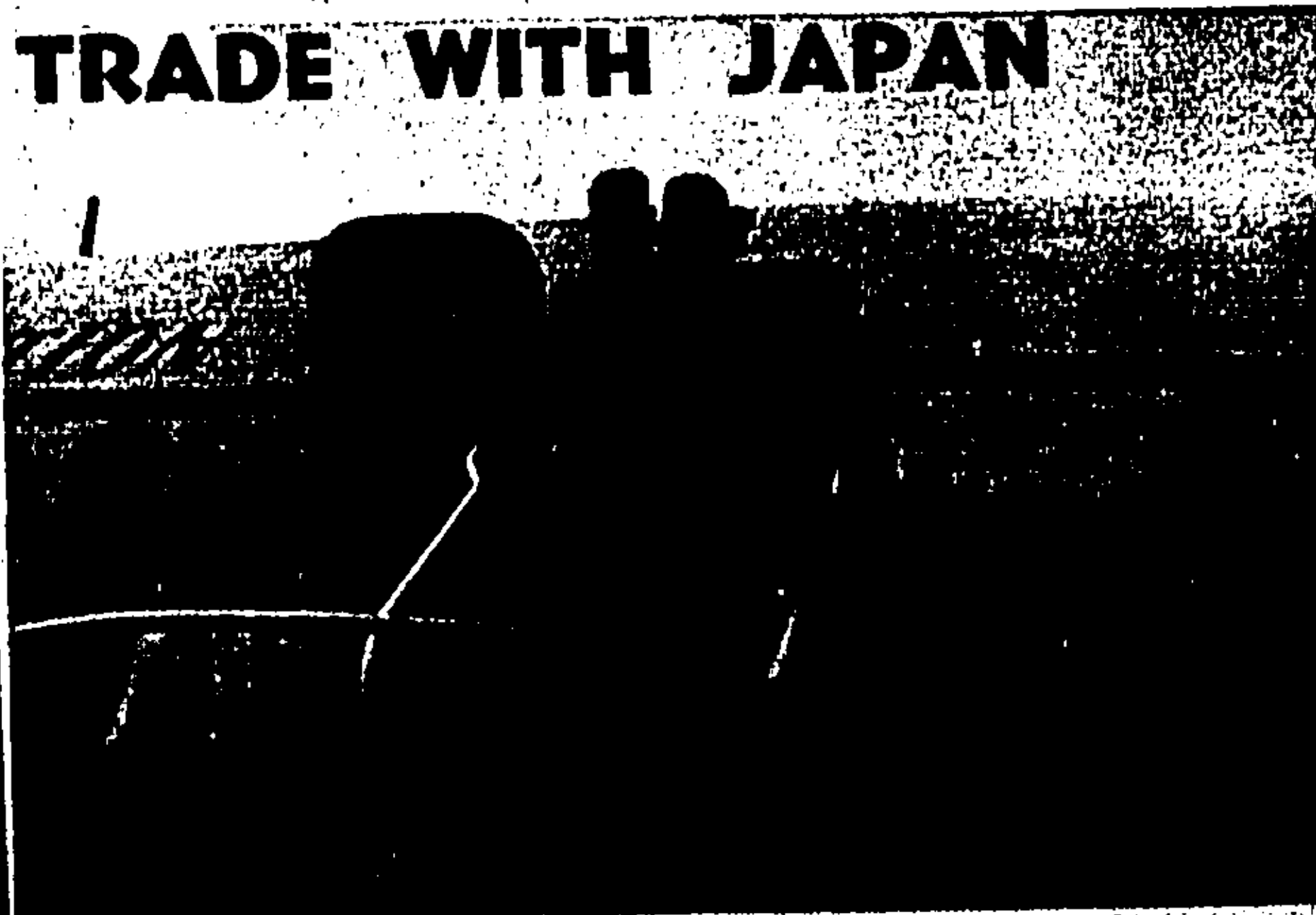
PICTORIAL MAGAZINE

Sunday, September Fourteenth, 1947.



The best news of the week came late last Thursday when the dockyard strikes were settled. At dawn on Friday morning when this picture was taken the scene outside the Naval Dockyard was back to normal for the first time in four weeks. (Francis Wu)

TRADE WITH JAPAN



The Indian trade delegation to Japan arrived at Kai Tak last Friday on their return journey home. They have been in Japan for more than two months. Pictures show (Left) Mr. T. Kilochand the leader of the delegation stepping off the plane (Right) the other three members of the delegation together with Mr. Dhun Ruttonjee who met the party on their arrival in the Colony. (Francis Wu)

LAST WEEK



Ex-Emperor Bao Dai and the ex-Empress conferred with the Viet Nam delegation who arrived in the Colony. Bao Dai and his wife are in the centre of the group on the right. The picture on the left shows the conference actually in progress. (Photo by S. Y. Wong).



At the offices of the Jockey Club on Thursday Mr. K. S. Kwok of Kowloon bought the three hundred thousandth ticket in the Kwangtung Handicap Cash Sweep. (Francis Wu).



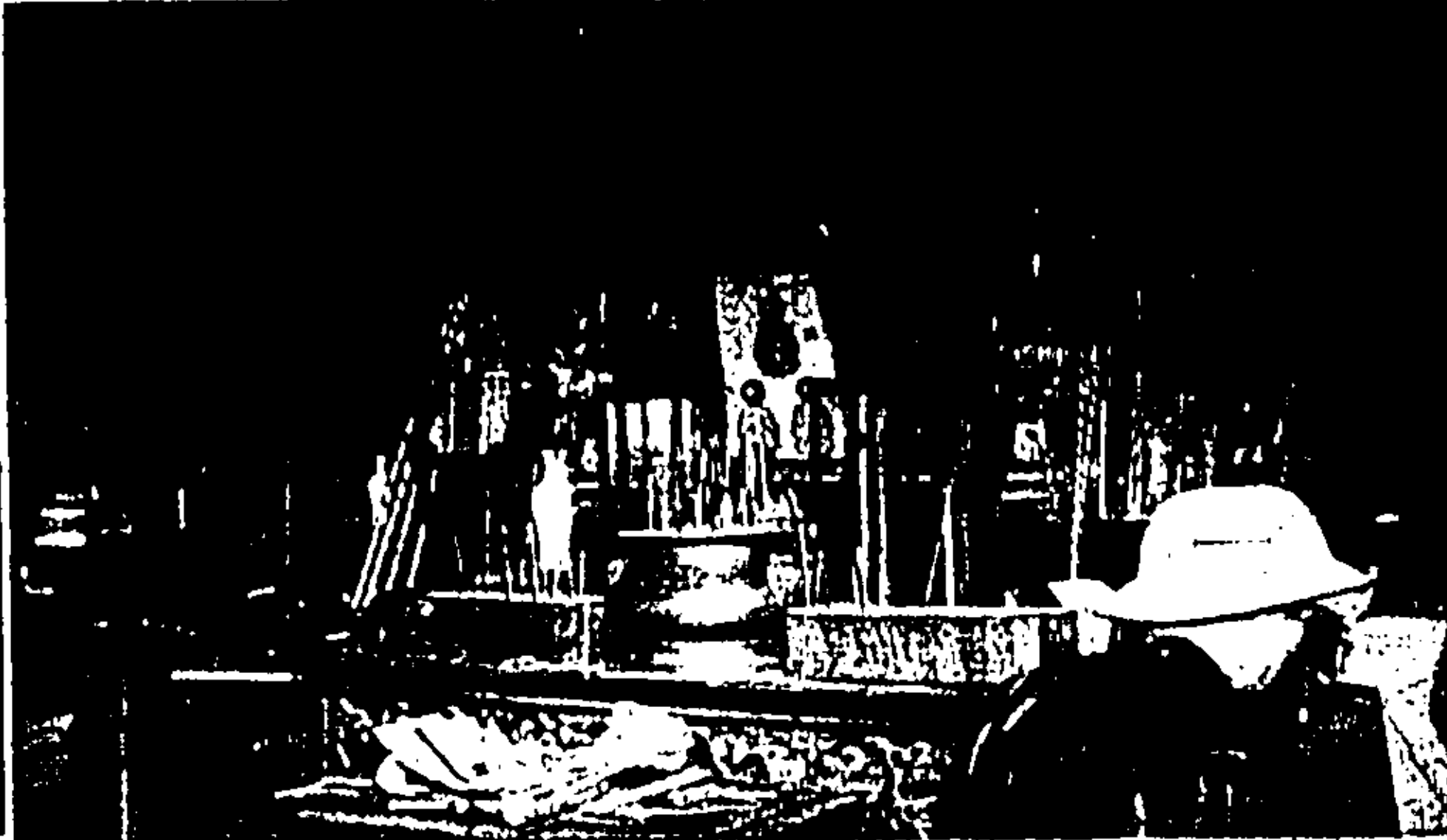
The Venerable Lokanatha, a Buddhist monk of Italian descent on his way to inaugurate a Buddhist Missionary Campaign in the United States, addressed the Y's Men's Club on Thursday. He plans to establish a Buddhist publishing house in New York. (Francis Wu).



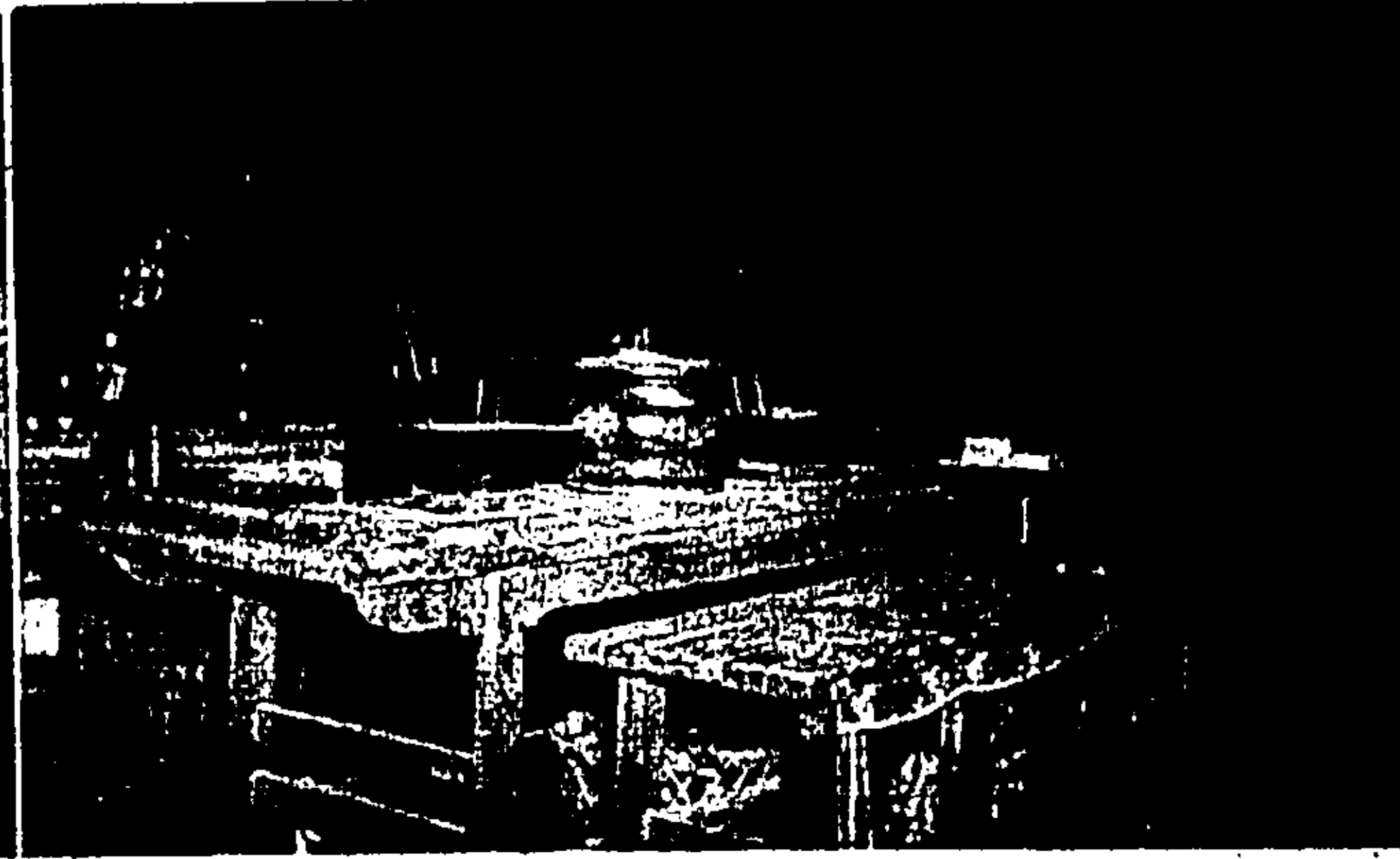
A large attendance at the Catholic Centre on Tuesday welcomed Mr. Henry Vallarta, Vicar Apostolic in Hong Kong, back to the Colony after a year's tour of America and Europe. While in Rome, he was received by the Pope. (King's Studio).



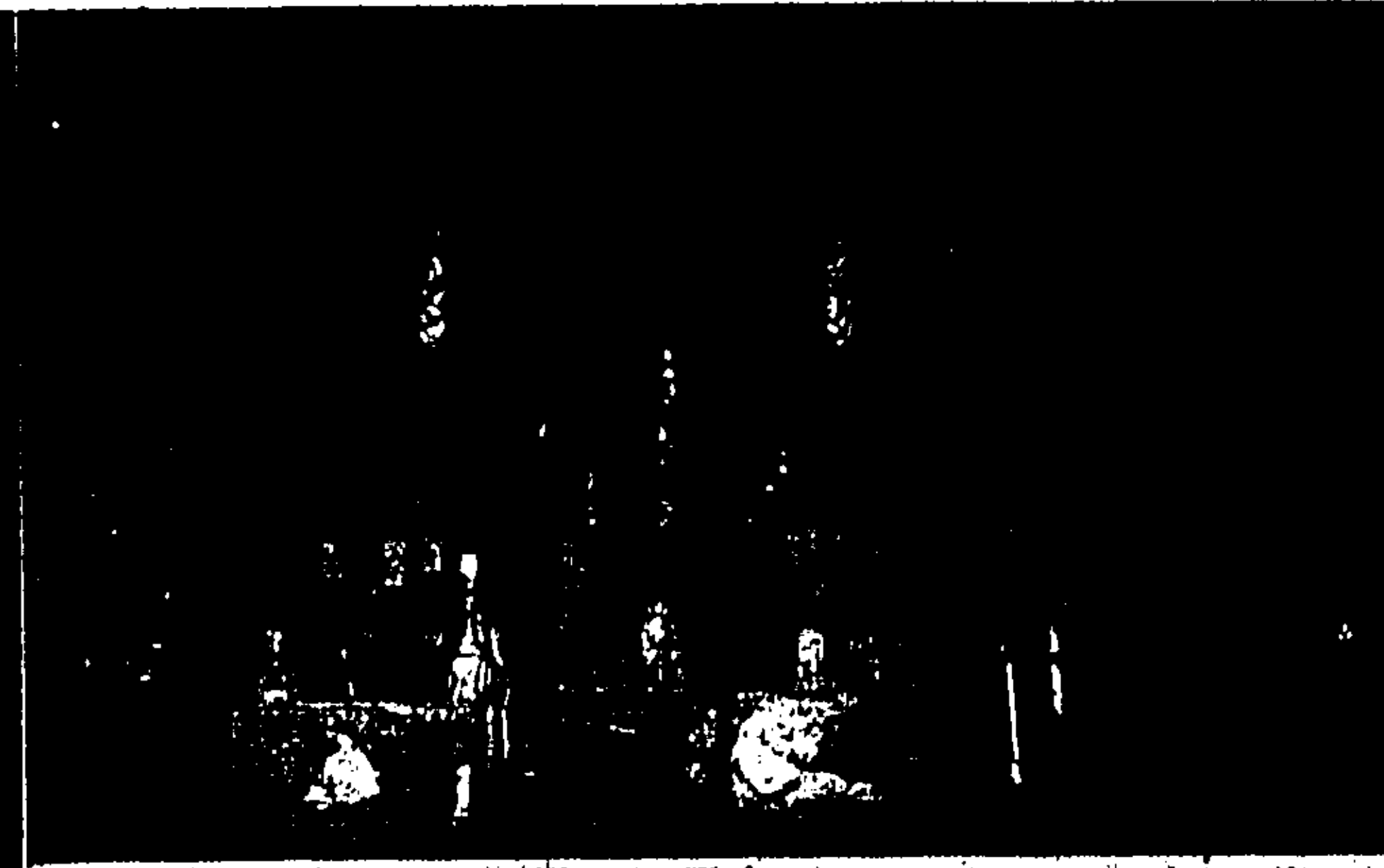
Wing Comdr. A. H. Marnack, M.B.E., arrived on the Empress of Scotland to take up his new post of Public Relations Officer in Hong Kong. He has served in the Near East and was Middle East Director of the BBC at Cairo prior to becoming P.R.O. in Aden.



Kwan Yum Temple in Wuhu St., Hunghom. Kwan Yum the Goddess of Mercy is especially beloved by women and girls and thousands of worshippers visit this temple on the 19th day of the 6th moon, the birthday of the Goddess. (Francis Wu)

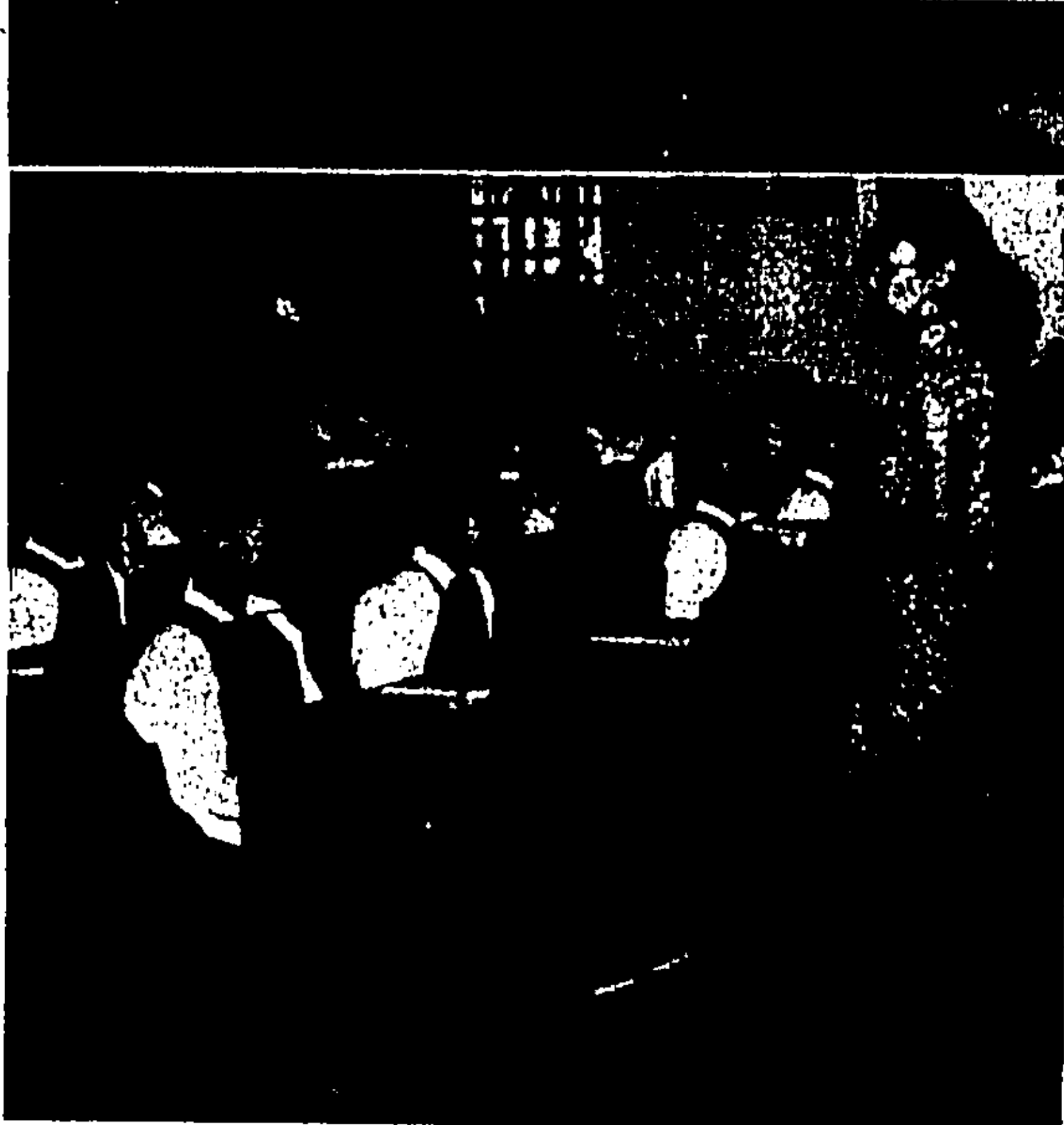


The Tam Kung Temple in Shauiwan near Lyemun is one of the largest on the island and is over one hundred years old. (Francis Wu)

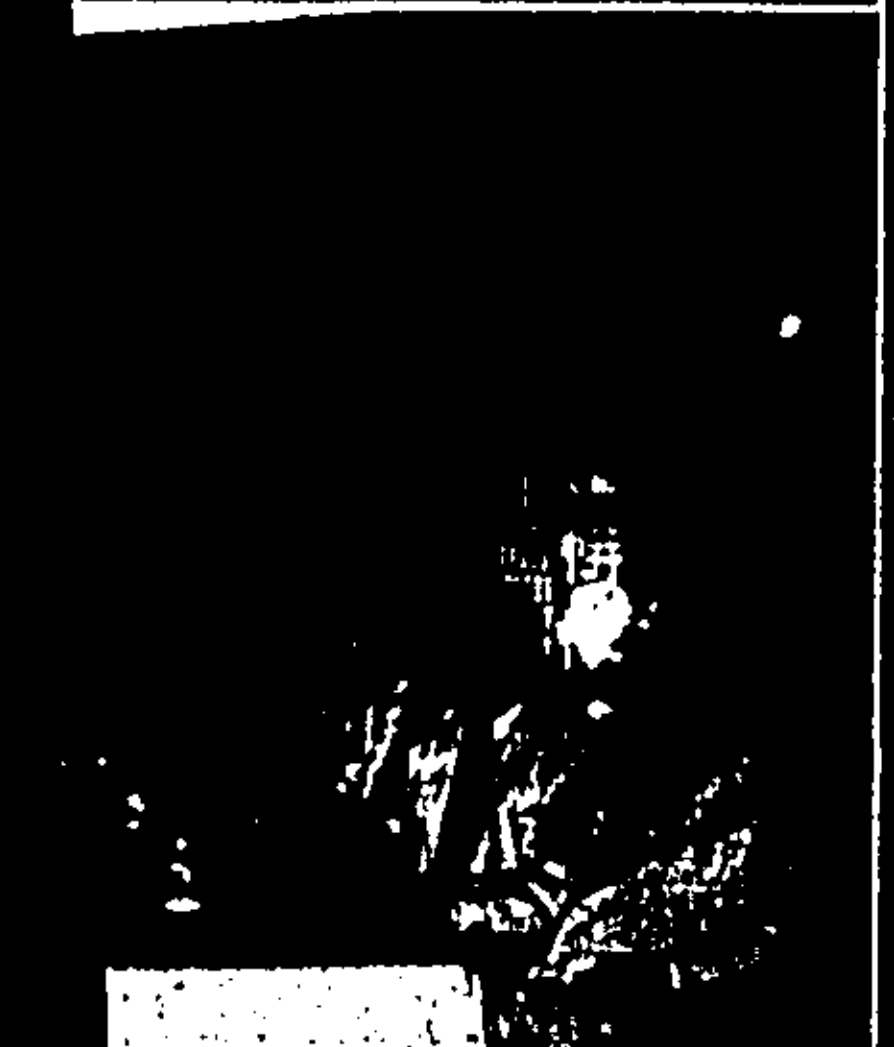
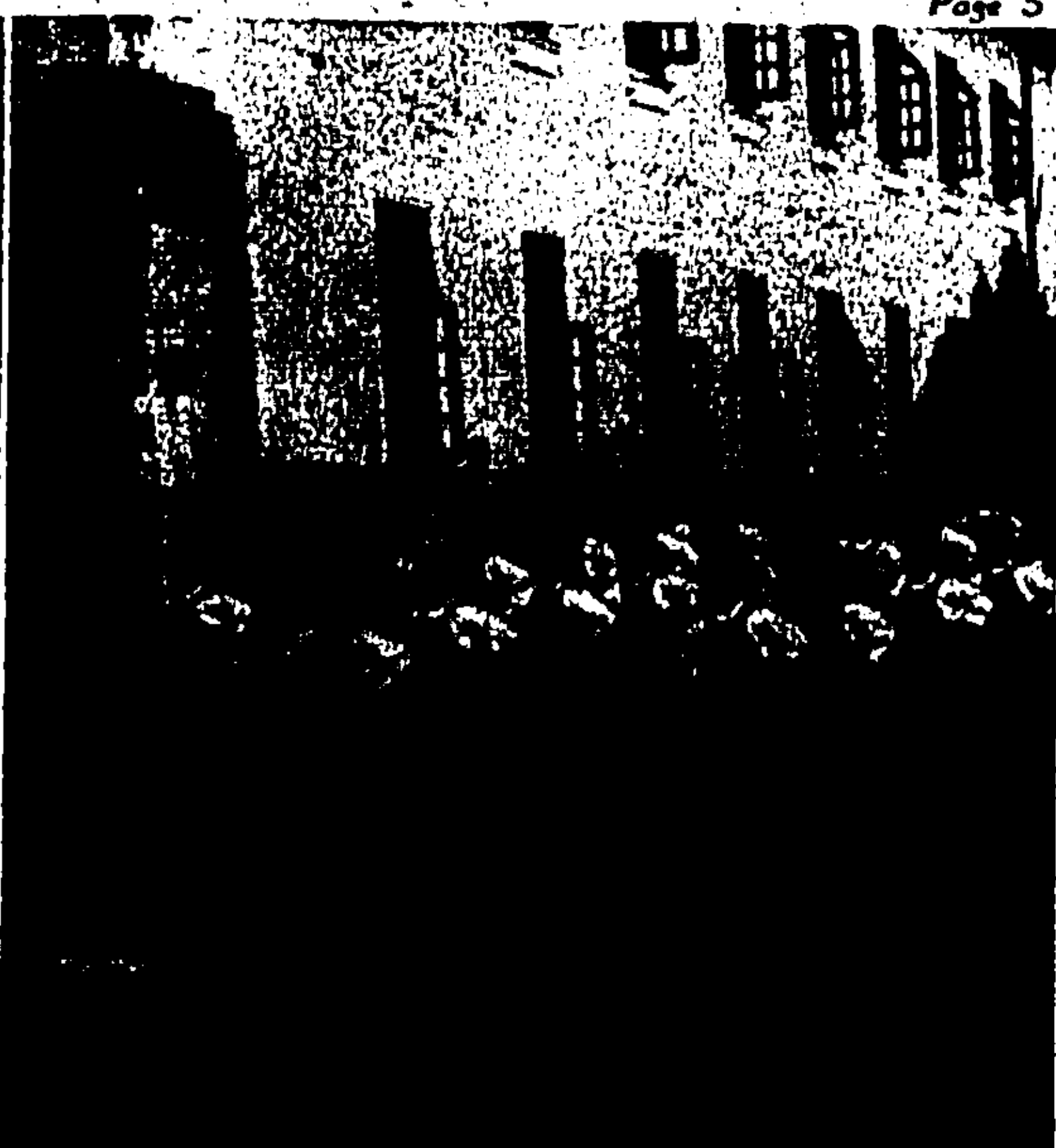
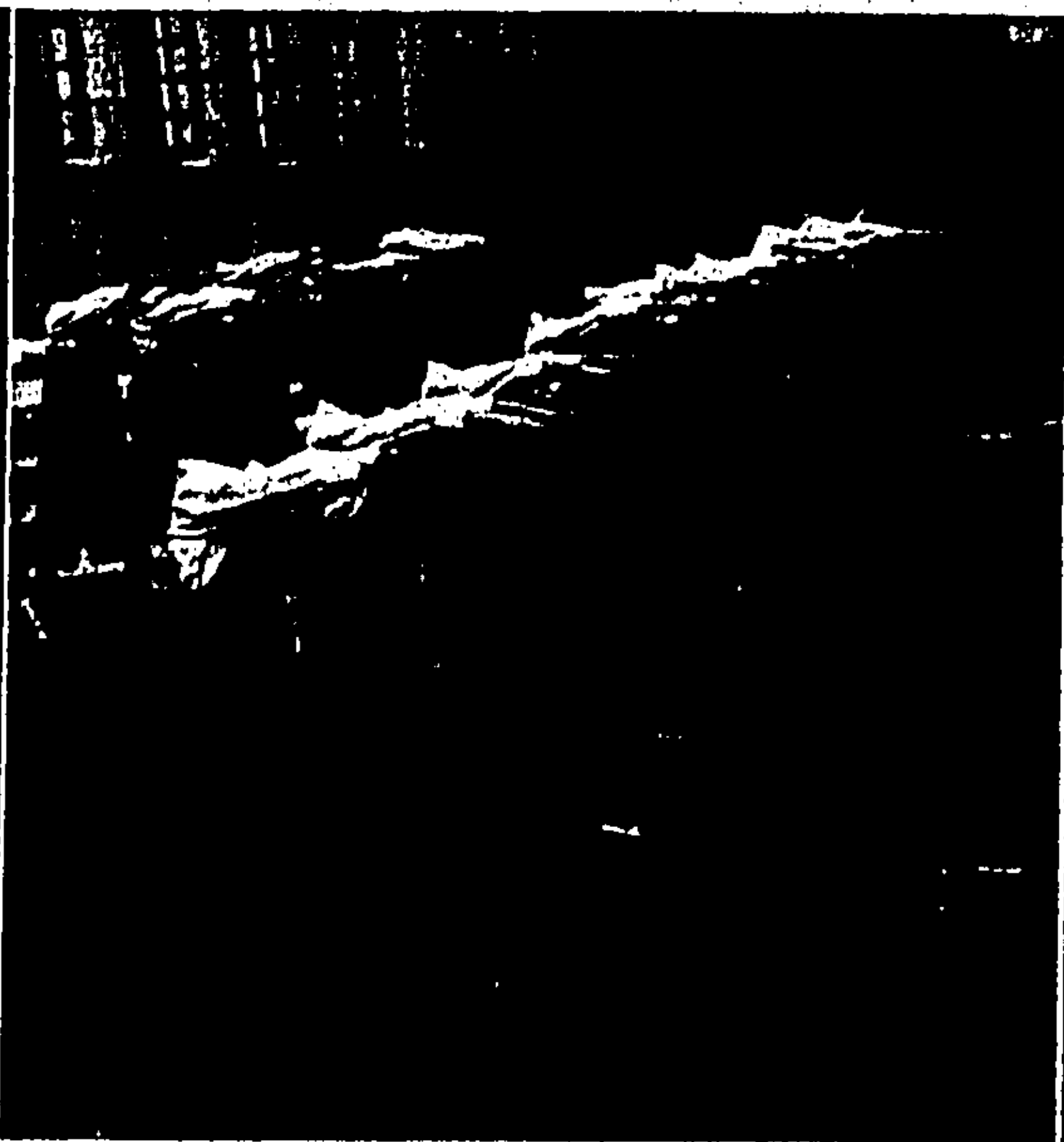


The Tin Hau Temple was rebuilt twenty years ago. (Francis Wu)



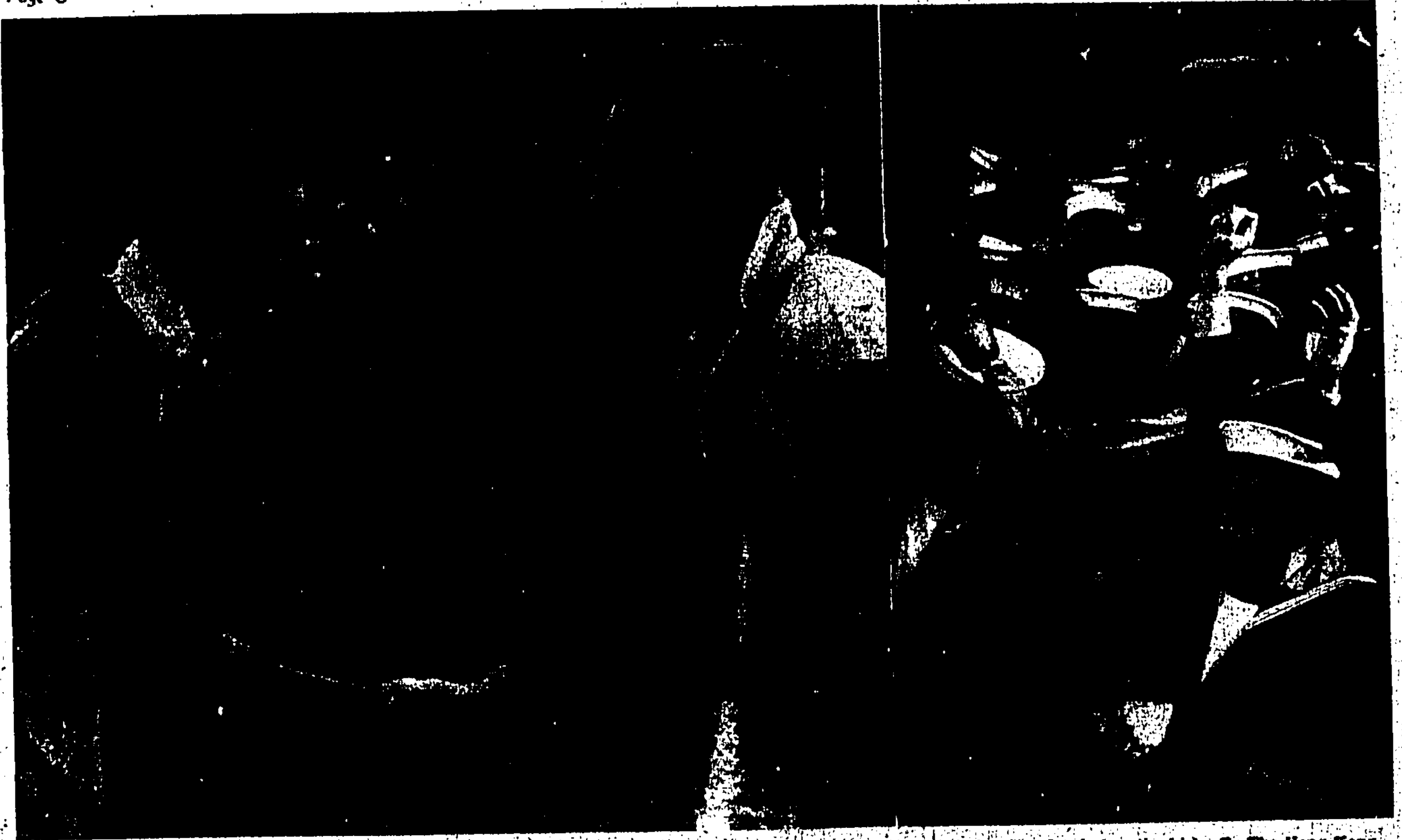


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Sing Tao play their first game in England. Fung King Cheong shakes hands with the captain of Dulwich Hamlet before the kick-off. The Hong Kong team were defeated but their speed and skill delighted the English crowd. Chinese naval cadets training in England turned out in force to support their compatriots. (APhoto.)

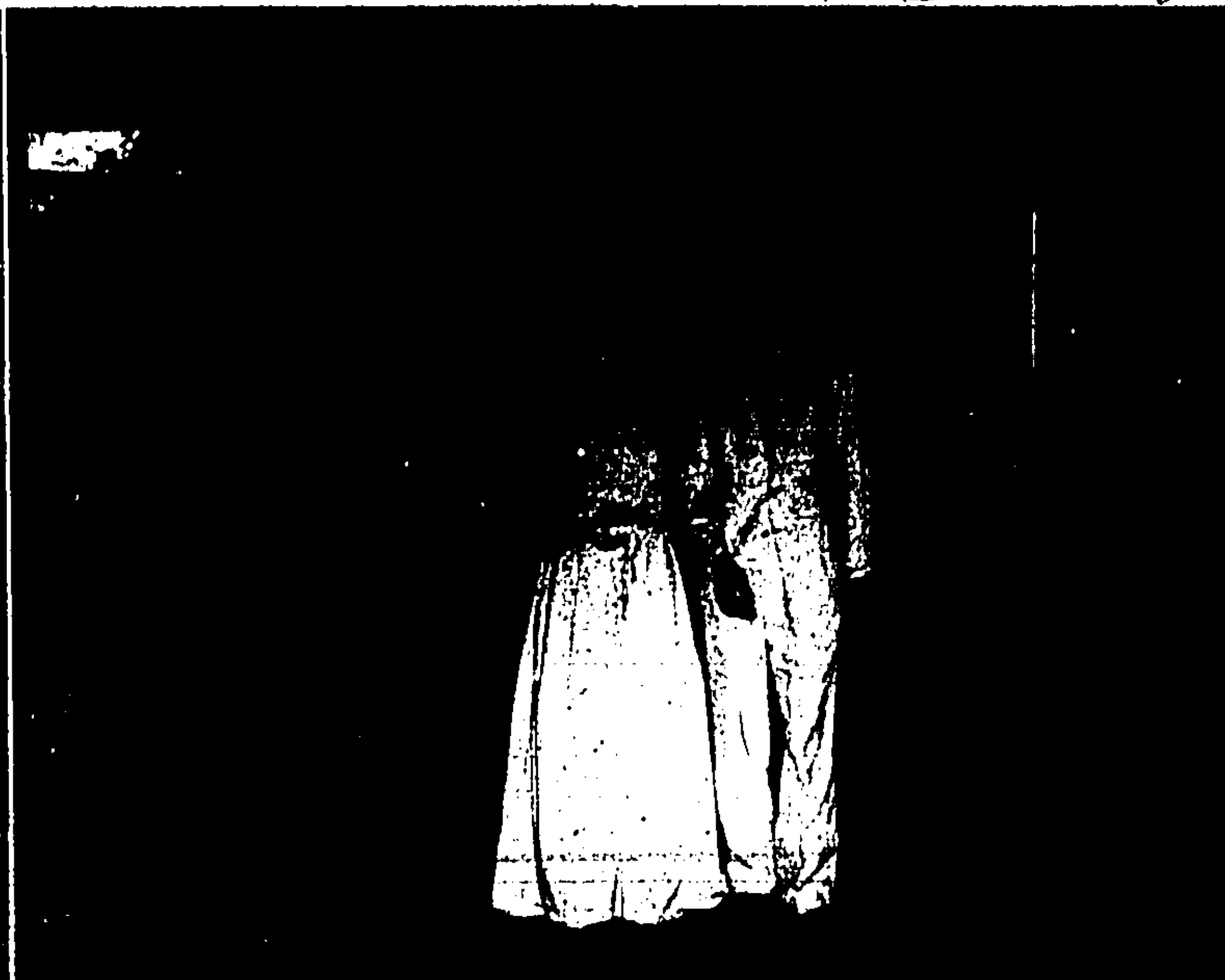


This is how they celebrated Liberation Day in Paris on August 24th. The police cordon outside the Town Hall collapsed under the pressure of Gallic effervescence. (APhoto.)

The International Jamboree in Paris last month drew scouts from practically every country in the world. Here they are singing "Auld Lang Syne" outside the historic Hotel de Ville. (APhoto.)



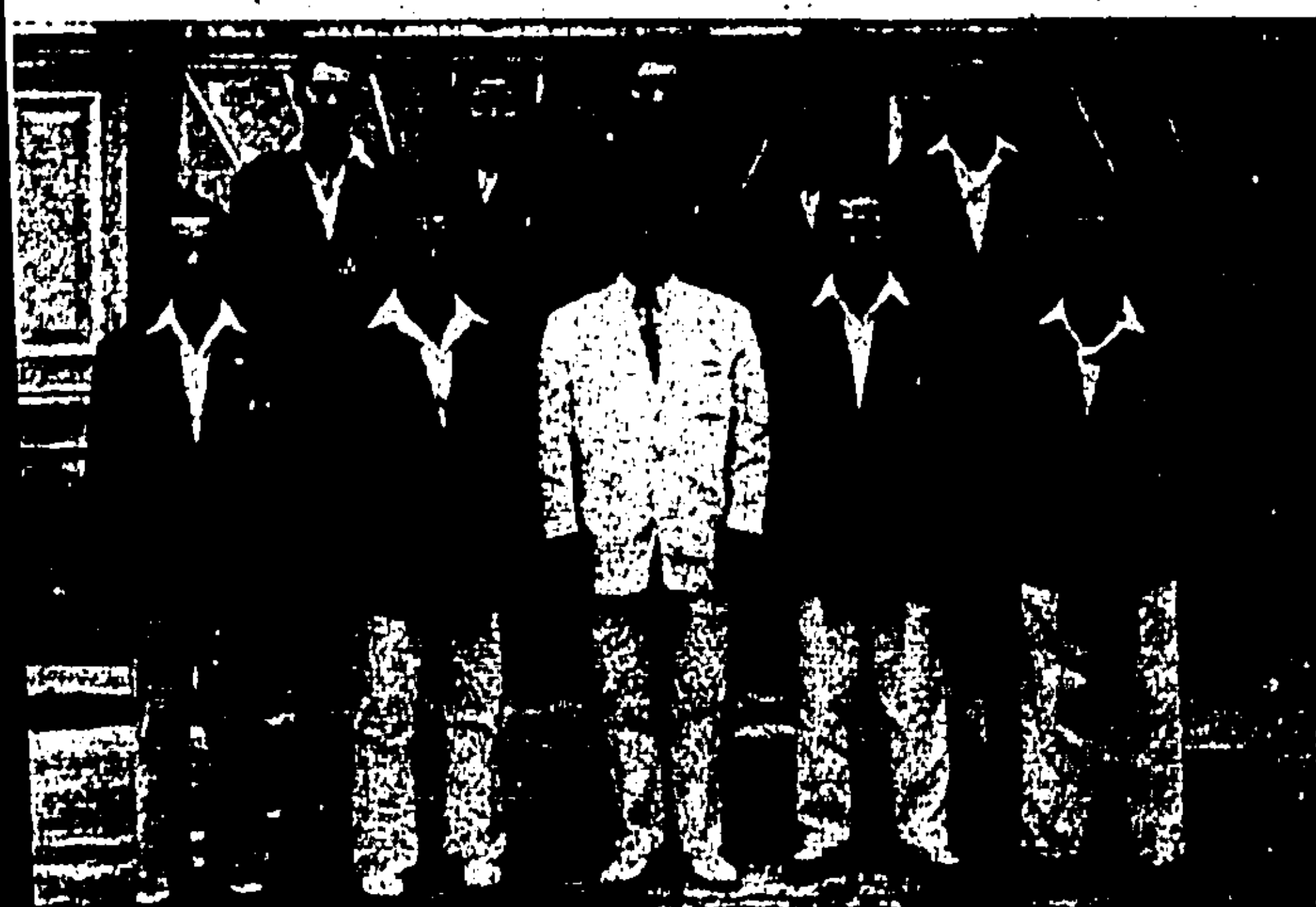
The wedding of Lt. D. S. Holder and Miss D. Shephard took place on September 8th at the Methodist Church. (Golden Studio).



American wedding at the English Methodist Church. On September 8th Mr. Demarest Romaine of Fukien married Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Rose of Philadelphia.



The official opening of the Ritz Ballroom and Swimming Pool took place last Sunday evening when a ribbon, stretched across the floor was cut simultaneously by four of China's leading screen actresses (seen on left) from Shanghai who are in Hong Kong to make a picture. On the left a large section of the crowd dancing to the music of Eddie Gusman and his band. (Golden Studio).



Laik Tsun Swimming Team for Shanghai tour. Back row L. to R. Yau Bakwan, Miss Mok Sun-lan, Ko Mid-lin, Tsang Fung-kwan and Mr. Lau Tai-ping. Front row—Wong Chuk Wing, Chan Chun-sam, Chung Che-kuen, Fook Wing-kai and Wong Shu-hung. (Golden Studio.)



Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham arriving at the Queen's Theatre for the opening night of "The 41st Years of Our Lives" on Thursday. They were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. George Hopper. (Francis W's)



The opening of radio telephone between Hong Kong and Manila. The new service was inaugurated by the Governor who exchanged greetings with the Vice President of the Philippines. H.E. is seated between the Hon. A. Morse and Mr. N. O. C. Marsh. Also present were the Postmaster-General, officials of the Cable and Wireless Ltd., a few members of business firms and representatives of the press. (King's Studio)



His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham visited the Tung Wah Hospital on Thursday. Picture shows the hospital's staff and Board of Directors with Chairman C. L. Hsu between His Excellency and the Hon. E. H. Todd, Secretary for Chinese Affairs. (King's Studio)

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AMERICANS PUZZLED BY MR. BEVIN'S ECONOMIC THEORY

Washington Getting Annoyed?

New York, Sept. 13.
Mr. Ernest Bevin's economic theorising in the past few days is causing a lifting of eyebrows in the United States. The question frequently raised is whether he knows where he is going, or what he intends to do when he gets there? Despatches from London indicate the same question is being circulated in the Foreign Office. Washington officials have been diplomatically forbearing in discussing Bevin's suggestions that America redistribute her gold or re-established lend-lease.

DANGEROUS HURRICANE IN ATLANTIC

Miami, Fla., Sept. 13.
A storm raging in the Atlantic became a full fledged hurricane with 143 miles an hour winds on Friday, the Weather Bureau reported. It was classified as "very dangerous." Associated Press.

No Cut In Shipments Of Food To Britain

Buenos Aires, Sept. 12.
The Argentine Government today issued a "categorical denial" of a report by a London newspaper (the "Daily Mail") that Senor Miguel Miranda, President of the National Economic Council, had threatened to cut food shipments to Britain.

The state news said: "The newspaper says that a threat was made by Senor Miranda to cut shipment of meat, wheat and maize (corn) to the United Kingdom. It also attributes to him the statement that Argentina has been badly treated by Britain."

"It also gives the impression," said Senor Miranda, "that Britain did not keep her word and was trying to force upon Argentina worthless pounds." "The President of the National Economic Council denies he made such a statement at any time," Reuters.

U Saw Asks Favours

Rangoon, Sept. 12.
U Saw, ex-President of Burma, who has been detained since his arrest two days after the assassinations of the seven Burmese Ministers on July 19, has petitioned the prison authorities for permission to have European diet, daily newspapers and visits from his wife, according to Burmese press reports today.

U Saw is held in Insein Prison on the outskirts of Rangoon. The date of his trial has not yet been announced.

The Premier of Burma, Thakir Nu, announced today that the Government had launched an anti-corruption campaign throughout the country. A start has already been made with the dismissal of corrupt officials in the civil service organisation.—Reuters.

NEW BASE IN EAST AFRICA

Nairobi, Sept. 12.
The British Government has decided to use East Africa as a reception base for evacuated stores from Egypt and India.

Work on road and rail communications between Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, and Mombasa, the principal port, is to start immediately.

Three hundred Royal Engineers have arrived from Egypt to prepare depots for the arrival of vast military stores which are to be evacuated from Egypt and India.—Reuters.

NAZIS TO HANG

Munich, Sept. 12.
The United States war crimes court at Dachau today sentenced five SS NCOs to be hanged for causing the deaths of countless concentration camp inmates at Mauthausen concentration camp. They are Hans Boehm, Walter E. Glöckner, Walter K. Haasenglor, Wilhelm Mueller, and Alexander Peroutke, who acted as detail leaders and guards.

In the same trial, Franz G. Schulz, former Mauthausen leader, was sentenced to life imprisonment.—United Press.

Royal Bridal Home Gutted By Fire



Princess Elizabeth's future home — Sunninghill Park, Ascot, Berks — was afire early on Aug. 30. Half the mansion was burned. The suite of rooms being prepared for the Princess and Lt. Mountbatten was badly damaged. The roof was destroyed.—(AP Photo).

Bikini Now Safe For Humans

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 12.
Radio-activity has dissipated from the island of Bikini where two atomic bombs were set off a year ago. The island is at present safe for human habitation, scientists reported today.

A group of scientists and naval officers officially designated to a Bikini scientific re-survey landed here last night from the USS "Chilton." They said that radio-activity in Bikini is at present confined largely to the lagoon bottom near where the second bomb exploded.

Capt. Christian Englemann told a news conference that a man living for a year on Bikini would be exposed to no more radiation than he would receive in a single chest X-ray. He said, however, that "the shore of Bikini was several miles away from the centre of the target area. Sunken ships in the Bikini lagoon are still radioactive."

Two atomic bombs, one in the air and one under water, were exploded at Bikini in a series of tests.

Worms Active

Capt. Englemann added: "Radio-active materials at Bikini today are confined almost completely to the lagoon bottom near where the underwater bomb exploded on June 25, 1946. Even in this area sea cucumbers worms are burrowing actively in the lagoon mud."

The naval captain said tiny animals pass radio-active materials through their bodies whence it is absorbed by sea plants on which other larger fish feed.

"This natural process continuing constantly throughout the lagoon tends to spread radio-active materials over an area ever widening but of lesser intensity," he said.—United Press.

Chinese 'Regiment' On The Rampage

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 12.
Malayan police headquarters today announced that it had received information that the Siamese police were in action yesterday against a body of Chinese calling themselves "The Sixth Regiment of the Seventh Corps of the Anti-Enemy Army," believed by the Malayan police to be responsible for ambushing a convoy of buses near the Siam-North Malayan border on Wednesday, when 11 persons were killed.

The statement added that a man, believed to be the leader of the organisation, was in Malayan police custody, and another Chinese, believed to be his second-in-command, was held by the Siam Prison Department.

A battalion of British troops and a Malay regiment were rushed to the scene of the ambush on Wednesday to help the police round up the attackers, who had terrorised the inhabitants in North Malaya for some time.—Reuters.

Tribute Demanded

Penang, Sept. 12.
Bandits, who killed 11 persons and wounded 12 others in an ambush of a bus and truck near the Siamese border on Wednesday, pinned a note to the body of a police constable "requesting" a demand for ransom of \$100,000 to save a border mining village from destruction, the Police disclosed on Friday.

Two constables wounded in the attack died on Thursday. The police said strong troop and police detachments were sent to the threatened village of Kilan Itan and that an intensive hunt for the bandits is underway near the Siamese border.

Siamese officials promised co-operation.

The demand upon the village originally was made last April. British authorities placed a strong military guard around it. The police said they believed the gang, about 80 in number and armed with Sten guns and rifles, was composed of Chinese Communists who were sponsored by the Allies during the war and had since been active in the area.—Associated Press.

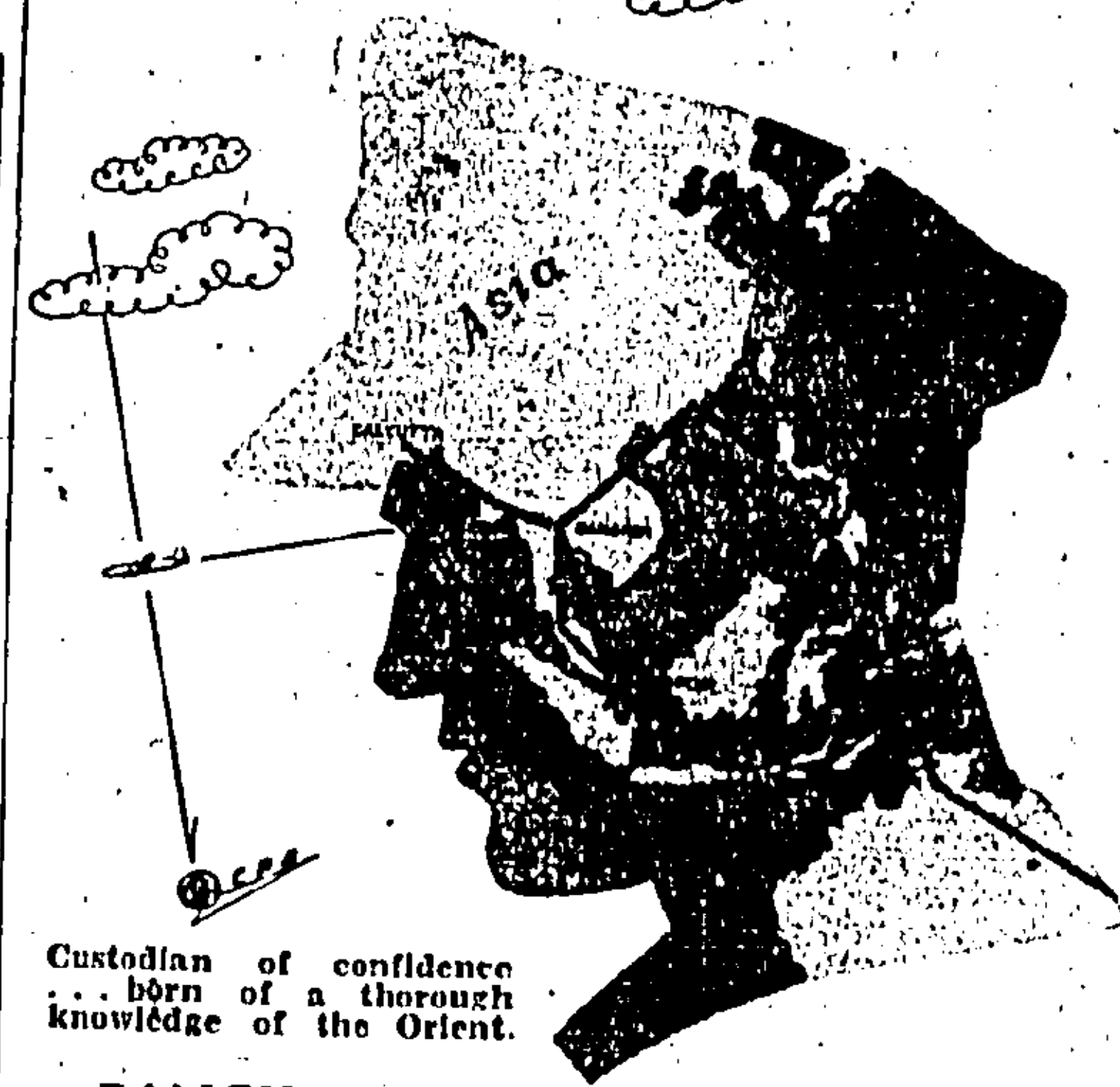


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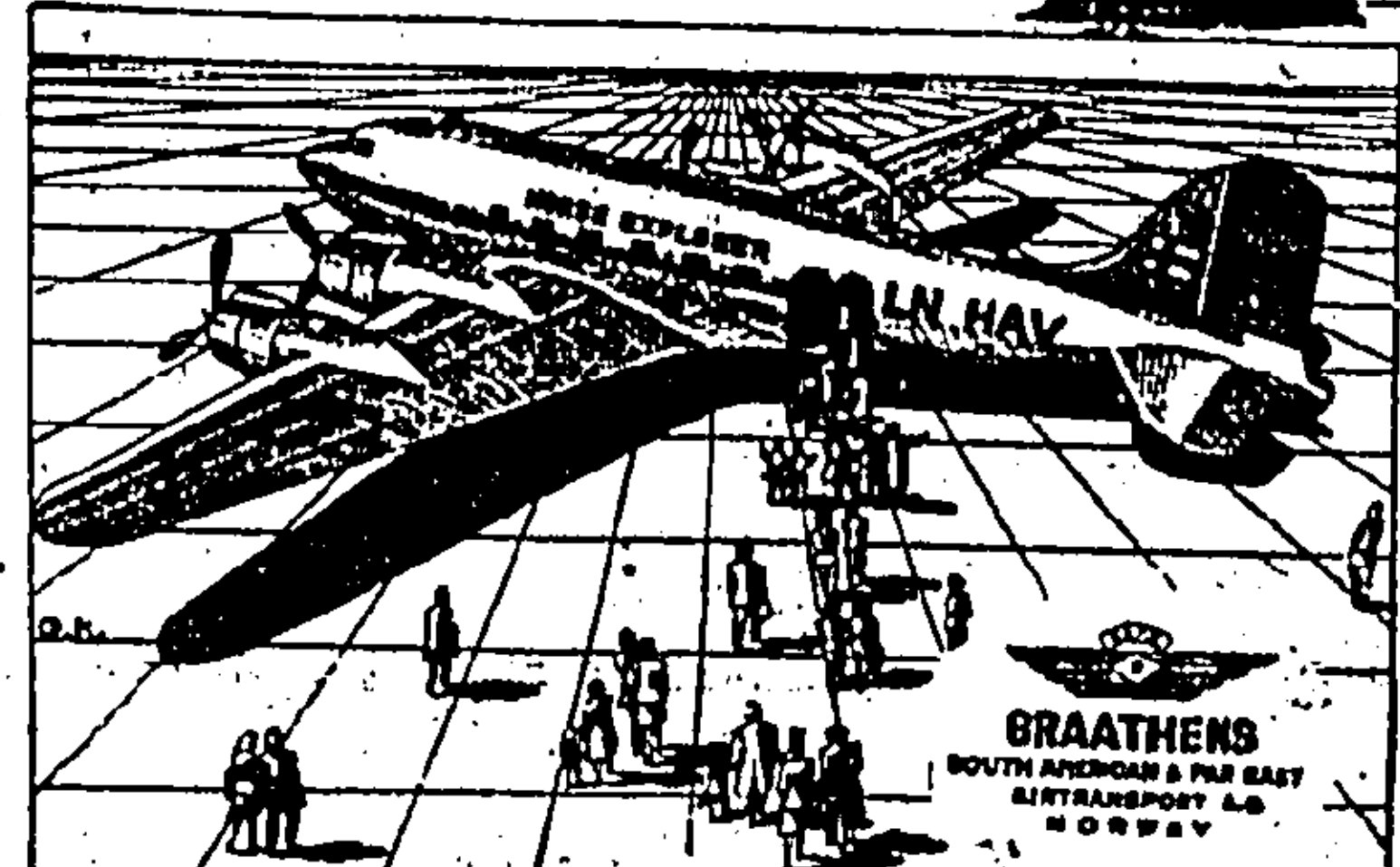
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EUROPEAN CUSTOMS UNION TO BE STUDIED AT PARIS Invitation To Be Sent To Russia

London, Sept. 12.
Thirteen of the 16 states represented at the Paris conference on the Marshall plan announced tonight that they had decided to set up a study group to explore the possibilities of forming a customs union.

They are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey and Britain.

The Government of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands, which have agreed to act as sponsoring powers, will invite all other countries in Europe (including Russia, but excepting Franco Spain), to join in the study, and countries of the British Commonwealth are being sounded as to whether they would care to be invited. If they wish, an invitation will be issued to them.

The list of invited countries includes three—Sweden, Norway and Switzerland—which are represented at the Marshall conference but have expressed doubts about the feasibility of forming a customs union at the present time.

Invitations to join the group will be extended to Soviet Russia, Albania, Bulgaria, Byelorussia, Sweden, Switzerland, the Ukraine and the Free Zone of Trieste, which will receive their invitations through the United Nations Secretariat as soon as it comes into being.

The issuing of invitations to those countries of Eastern Europe which stayed away from the Marshall conference in Paris represents an attempt on the part of the Western powers to bridge the East-West gulf.

The proposal was first announced in Paris by the French delegation about a month ago and was more than once debated in the Executive Committee of the conference where it was formally sponsored by Italy.

The first British reaction was one of embarrassment on the ground of Britain's preferential arrangements with the Commonwealth countries.

The project from the first had the enthusiastic support of the United States and its omission from the text of the draft of the report on the Marshall conference was one of the major criticisms on the work of the conference so far made yesterday in Paris by Mr. William Clayton, the United States Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs.

Meanwhile, Sir Oliver Franks, chairman, announced at a press conference in Paris today that the conference will probably finish its final report on Monday, September 22, one week later than originally expected.

Six Points
Sir Oliver Franks described six points on which the conference will consider its report in the light of last night's strictures by Mr. Clayton, who called it "too much of a shopping list."

These points are:—
1—General problems of internal stability, financial and monetary.
2—Common objectives and principles.
3—Trade and the relaxation of trade barriers.
4—Capital equipment.
5—Major production programmes which have been set out by the participating countries.
6—What form of organisation might be prepared to give effect to American aid.—Reuter.

CONTROLS TO RETURN IN U.S.?

Washington, Sept. 12.
The prospect that the question of the reimposition of export price and other controls may have to be thrashed out by a special session of Congress in advance of the Marshall plan was being discussed by officials here today.

There is a growing feeling in informed quarters that the plan may prove unworkable without such controls.—Reuter.

Manus New Base For Britain

Brisbane, Sept. 12.
An immediate start is being made to convert the strategic island of Manus, north of New Guinea, into a first-class British naval and air force base, rivaling Singapore.

The Australian Navy Minister, Mr. Rorndon, announced at Brisbane, after inspecting Manus, that facilities installed by the Americans in wartime were usable, but the jungle was starting to encroach.

He is asking the Australian Cabinet to authorise work on the base without delay.—Our Own Correspondent.

Dramatic Move By Britain For Census Of Armies

Lake Success, Sept. 12.
Great Britain, in a dramatic move on the eve of the United Nations General Assembly, today proposed a census of all the world's armies.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan said the count would be a "short and small step" toward creating the world confidence necessary for the success of disarmament and other United Nations tasks.

Sir Alexander's surprise proposal was made before the Disarmament Commission and marked a breakdown from the previous British policy. It also set a conciliatory tone for the start of Tuesday's General Assembly session which may determine whether the United Nations will ever work.

It came amid fast-breaking pre-Assembly developments:—
1. Sources close to the Soviet delegation reported that the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, would arrive in New York early next month for a special appearance before the Assembly. These sources said M. Molotov would present a proposal that would surprise the Assembly.
2. General Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, was transferred from Washington to New York to take personal charge of the American delegation. He planned a major address to the Assembly on Wednesday.

Allied Servicemen Seized By Slav Authorities

Washington, Sept. 12.
The United States Government today protested vigorously to Yugoslavia over the "unwarranted detention and maltreatment of British and United States servicemen by Yugoslav authorities," and demanded the immediate release of the nine still held.

The protest was delivered to M. Vladimir Velebit, the Acting Yugoslav Foreign Minister, by the United States Ambassador in Belgrade.

It cited the following cases:—
1. The seizure on June 16 last of five British riflemen who were, it asserted, held for four days and confined to insanitary quarters, denied adequate exercise or food and had to be sent to hospital with gastroenteritis and typhoid fever when they were released.

2. The incidents on March 1 when a British soldier was disarmed, undressed and searched.
3. The forcible seizure on August 9 of a United States army officer and one other rank, while fishing on Isenzo river, near Plesco. These men are still not released.

4. The arrest of two British seamen from the cruiser "Ajax" in the Pola area on August 1.
5. The arrest while on patrol of three British soldiers of the 2nd South Lancashire Regiment, in the area of Albano Vesceva on August 2. They had not yet been released.

6. The seizure of two British soldiers by Yugoslavs in the vicinity of Pola on August 21.

All these arrests had been reported to the combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington by the Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean.

Release Demanded

The State Department added: "The American Ambassador has been instructed to demand the immediate release of all United States and British military personnel now being detained by Yugoslav authorities."

Countess' Gag Failed To Work

Paris, Sept. 12.
The police today invaded the hotel suite of the "Countess d'Appremont" to arrest her in connection with a dollar exchange fraud in which American automobiles purchased for U.S.\$2,000 each in the United States were resold here for U.S.\$20,000.

The Countess, whose real name was given as Cecile Arrault, 38, imperiously picked up a phone and demanded: "Give me the President of the Republic!"

The Paris press said the police men stood politely by and, noting they were unimpressed, the Countess remarked: "Tough luck—it's the first time that gag hasn't worked!"—United Press.

REDS SNATCH WARSHIPS

Warsaw, Sept. 12.
Contrary to the four-power agreement under which major units of the German Navy must be destroyed and sunk, three German warships sunk in Baltic ports, now Polish, have been raised by Soviet naval salvage teams and towed to unknown destinations, it is learned here.

The "Lutzow", a light cruiser, was refloated in Schweinmunde along with the uncompleted aircraft-carrier "Graf Zepelin" while the pocket battleship "Scheerweg Holstein" was refloated at Gdynia.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAVA APPEAL TO AUSTRALIA

Batavia, Sept. 12.
Dr. Sjarifuddin, the Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic, has sent a message to the Australian Premier, Mr. Chifley, asking him to send to Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, a representative to discuss with him many points that Indonesia wishes to be raised on the three-nation commission, Jogjakarta. Radio said tonight.

Indonesia recently asked Australia to sit on the three-nation commission, in accordance with the United Nations Security Council's decision on August 26.—Reuter.

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EAST AND WEST; Clothes Make The Women

By Josselyn Hennessy

Mary Smith has just come out to India for the first time. Eastern and Western clothes may differ but a bride's trousseau is interesting to women the world over and Satya Devi and Padmini, wives of two of her husband's Indian colleagues, are delighted by Mary's wardrobe. At the moment Mary is attractively dressed in a beige gabardine suit which has padded shoulders and wide armholes. Dolman sleeves. It is the latest from Bond Street and is complemented with a bright red blouse whose colour is repeated on her lips and fingernails. A snappy corn straw sailor hat, trimmed in red, crowns the outfit. Her high heel shoes are of beige, as is her choice pair of nylons (bought on arrival out here, of course!). Her clothes could not differ more from those of the two Indian girls.

BRIDGE

By YARBOROUGH
(Col. G.G.J. Walshe)

Bridge without principles is a losing game. It is a principle of bidding that a bid at the level of one can be made on five winners. The partner is assumed to have the other two winners. Another principle of bidding is that (for constructive reasons) the bidder should have two and a half quick tricks among his winners if his "one" bid is an opening bid or may have one and a half quick tricks only if his "one" bid is an overcall.

Only expert partnerships should risk shading these principles. In a recent international tournament quite a number of games were bid and made by one side after the other side had opened the bidding, such was the frequency of shaded opening bids by experts. Risks can be taken by these players which would cost a moderate player far too much because the latter is unable to alter the subsequent bidding clear of disaster. Here is a good example from this tournament of a shaded opening bid. Both sides were vulnerable and South was dealer. Should he pass or should he bid One Heart? With a moderate partner he should of course pass but with an expert partner, well?

The paramount consideration in making a shaded opening bid here was the value of having length in both major suits.

South
H A 8 5
D J x x
C 10 9 8 x x
S K x x
H 3 2
D Q 10 x
C Q

Three No Trumps bid (and made) by East was the contract at all tables but two. At these two tables South opened with One Heart, West passed, and North bid Two Hearts, a mild barrage bid. East doubled and South bid three Hearts. His partner's response had been very weak, so he had to do his best to shut West out of the bidding. West bid Four Diamonds and all passed. The shaded opening bid had served its purpose.

The question arises should East have bid Two No Trumps instead of doubling? Note how delicate South's count of his winners was: two high cards (the Aces), two long cards in Hearts, and the long Spade and long Club which together made one winner.

Satya Devi (whose name means Goddess of Truth) is wearing bright blue pyjamas typical of the Punjab from which she comes. Her straight, glossy, jet-black hair is drawn tightly back and braided to her waist. Attached to her braid is a silver and blue silk tassel. On her feet are blue and silver sandals.

Lotus Flower

Padmini (whose name means Lotus flower) comes from Madras in the far South and is wearing a green crepe Sari. Her hair, as straight, as black and as glossy, is brushed back into a knot on the nape of her neck. Neither of the Indian girls wear any makeup but Satya Devi has a small red dot on her forehead, Padmini a little semicircular.

Mary ventures a polite word about Satya Devi's pyjamas. The Indian girl laughs merrily and says she is not wearing pyjamas but a salwar she explains that there are two main styles of women's clothes in India, the Northern and the Southern.

"My salwar is kept up by a cord tied loosely over the hips and the baggy effect is achieved partly because we use plenty of material and partly because the material is gathered at the ankle where it falls like your men's plus fours."

"This," continues Satya Devi, rising to her feet, "is my qumiz or shirt, knee length over the Salwar and slit at the sides. The round collar is fastened with hooks at the opening at the throat, but glass buttons or jewels are used just as often. The qumiz and Salwar may be of different colours of materials. This embroidery down the front of my qumiz is of solid silver and any derzi can attach designs to suit your taste."

"Derzi?"

"In India no woman buys clothes ready made; you choose your material and have them

made up by a derzi, who is a needle-man, dress-maker and tailor in one; he works for you by the hour sitting, cross-legged on your veranda."

"What do you call that lovely gossamer scarf over your head and shoulders?" asks Mary.

The Dupatta

"My dupatta... it is two yards long. There is a whole art in wearing it so that it always remains in graceful folds and does not get crumpled up. Some dupattas are embroidered in silver or gold brocade."

"What I like about your salwar and qumiz is that they remain feminine while giving the comfort and freedom of movement of our shirts and slacks," observes Mary.

"Yes," says Satya Devi, "we sometimes wonder whether European girls really think that a woman's lines are flattered by tailor-made trousers. You can ride in a salwar and," she adds mischievously, "not look like a jockey."

"What about your Sari?" asks Mary, turning to Padmini.

"It is made of two pieces," replies Padmini. "The sari proper is seven yards of material, one yard wide, wound twice round the waist and tucked in so as to make it fall in graceful folds to the feet. The other end passes from the waist over the shoulders and head. This part of the sari shows the true beauty of the cloth as most of the decorative weave of the material is done at this part with motifs along the hem. The second piece is the chole or tight fitting bodice which may have a high or low neck; it is sleeveless or short-sleeved but never long-sleeved. The formal shawl may be backless and use shoulder straps and may show a derzi midriff."

Monotonous!

"It's a most beautiful costume and recalls to us Europeans

Praxiteles' classical sculptures of the draperies worn by Greek women—but," Mary finishes hesitantly.

"Go on," encourages Padmini. "European girls would find it a bit monotonous, I imagine. We like to change our fashions."

"Fashions here change as much as in the West—but differently. You are constantly varying your lines and contours. We find your lines tend to be exaggerated and fiction is substituted for natural contours as in the padding of your shoulders and the cut of your sleeve. We sometimes think that Europeans don't realize that the stress that western costume puts on the line means that it is only flattering to a minority of women with lively figures. The simplest proof of this is that a woman with a bad figure would never be chosen as a mannequin by one of your dress houses; whereas anyone can show off a sari and look either as charming as she is or—as her sari is."

"But where do your fashion changes come in?" asks Mary. "Our basic design remains stable but we weave a thousand changes into our 'eclatons.' Look at the silver embroidery on Satya Devi's qumiz and the different strains of colour woven in my sari. And we are always achieving new effects by changing our jewellery."

Styles In Saris

"Different parts of India are famous for different saris," puts in Satya Devi. "In Sind they wear in patterns of little morris; Delhi is famous for its jari embroidery; Uccra produces delicate shadow work patterns; loveliest of all are the rich brocades of Benares which mingle all the colours of the rainbow with their gold and silver. You might sum it up by saying that we secure constant variety by the mingling of different materials, colours and embroideries."

"What do Indian women's clothes cost?" Mary asks practically.

"What do your clothes cost?" Padmini counters smiling. Actually, I think ours are both cheaper and more expensive. A cotton sari can cost as little as one rupee (1/6) whereas one of cloth of pure gold may be as much as three thousand rupees (£225). "I suppose that is a caste mark on your forehead?" Mary suggests.

Again Padmini laughs. "Every Westerner thinks that," she says. "But it is really a beauty spot which we call a kunkum-tiak, a word meaning happiness in marriage."

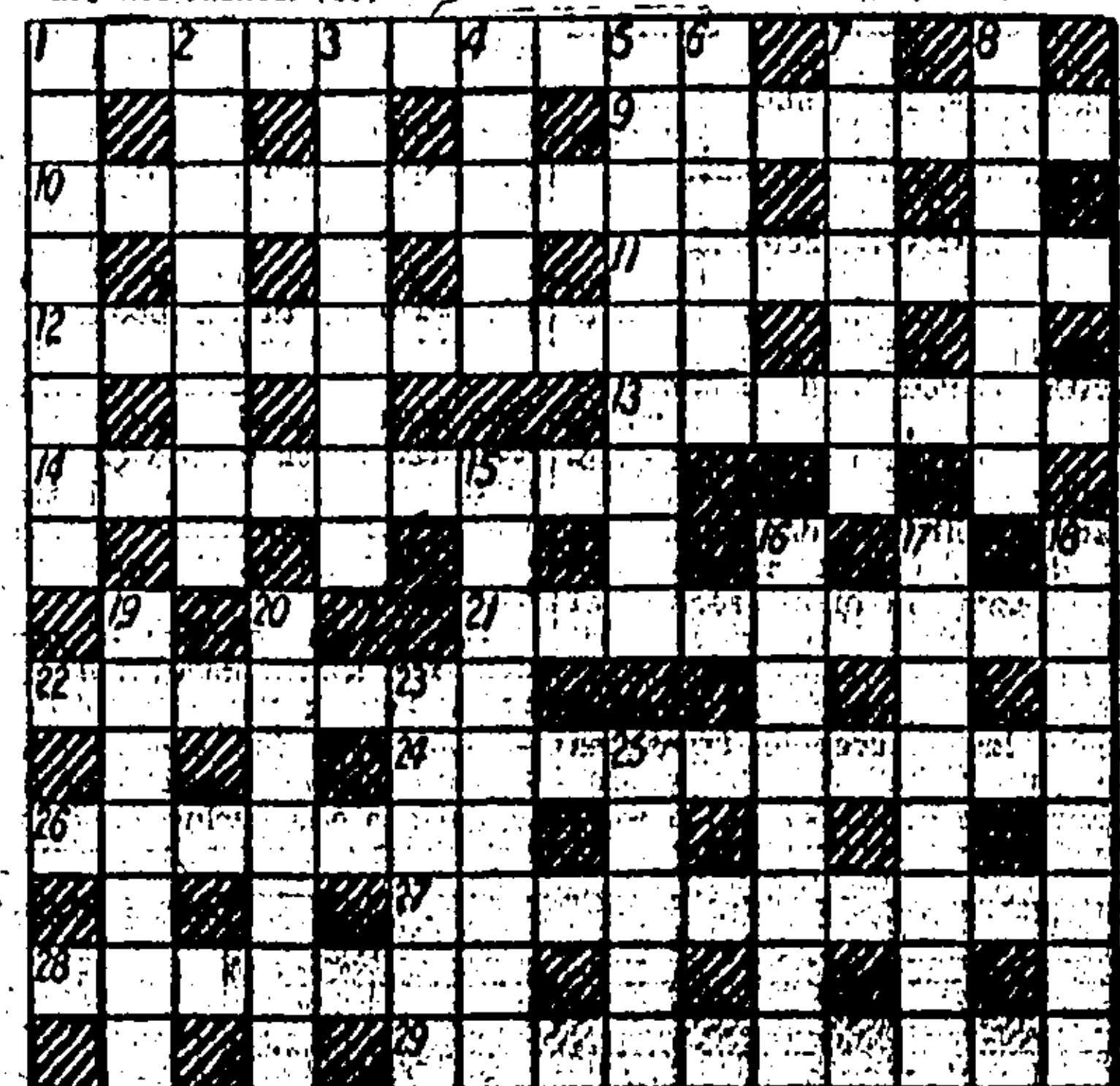
The Sunday Herald Crossword Prize NO. 21

ACROSS

1. A historic event was not the famous cricketeer's journey. (10, 2, 5)
10. Is this how the boxer regards his assistant? (6, 4)
11. It takes a lifetime to reach this traffic barrier. (4, 3)
12. A nice gate (for the batting side). (4, 6)
13. No tiger becomes a little black. (7)
14. He cares for the workers, of course. (9)
21. It is Somerset, though his torically associated with Monmouth. (8)
22. Refuse in a heap to rot. (7)
24. It is just a matter of keeping up appearances. (10)
26. Run late, on neither side. (7)
27. This involves many changes in play. (10)
28. They quaver, what they appear ordered to start. (7)
29. But injured people on them are not racked. (10)

DOWN

1. Not the Good Samaritan. (6)
2. Hyphen. (2)
3. Hall of Tennyson; archer of Scott. (8)
4. It sounds like substantive repetition, as is well known. (8)
5. "We are the—makers; we are the dreamers" (O'Shaughnessy). (6)
6. This plant in the garden should prove a profitable plot. (9)
7. Worn out with a festive end. (6)
8. Objection to itself heeded. (7)
9. A skilled airman goes round on it. (7)
15. Lister, pet; it's plaguy. (9)
16. Absurdly learned. (8)
17. Crime that gives somebody a 11. (8)
18. Deranges nobles. (8)
19. At the start of 17 Eric makes loud laughter. (7)
20. This dog is eatable. (7)
23. "Small I be frightened when a madman—?" asks Brutus. (6)
25. Johnson's tragedy. (5)



SOLUTION TO No. 20: Across: 1. Sofa Cushion; 9. Hurst; 10. Feathered; 11. Priceless; 12. Ochre; 13. South Sea Island; 14. Monitory Degree; 20. Virus; 21. Inoculate; 22. Treatment; 24. Moist; 25. Assassination.
Down: 1. Serai; 2. Fitment; 3. Coffee Strainers; 4. Sea Island Cotton; 5. Schooner; 6. North Cape; 7. Chaparral; 8. Addenda; 14. Overhauled; 15. Chequer; 17. Bowdler; 18. Quip; 19. Cant; 22. Assailant; 23. Frighten; 24. Frighten; 25. Frighten.
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THEY WANT THIS MAN IN MOSCOW

By Ian Colvin

Soviet missions and Communist offices throughout the whole of Western Europe have been warned to watch for Captain Alexander Belousov, of the Soviet Purchasing Commission for Germany, who has escaped from Berlin after audits have revealed staggering deficits in the accounts of the Soviet Purchasing Commission here.

After four months examination of accounts running into millions of "invisible" reparations (taken out of Berlin under the nose of the Four Power Control Commission), Soviet auditors have discovered a deficit of at least 15,000,000 Reichsmarks (about £1,000,000 at export rates). This has led to the arrest of:

Paymaster-Colonel Toropin, Head of the Soviet Purchasing Commission;
Viktor Ivanovitch Zolotrioff, Chief Accountant;
Franklin Belaga Zimmermann, his secretary.

Several other Soviet officials and commercial travellers of nondescript nationality have fled from Berlin. Commissioners of Criminal Police Schramm and Knoppe have been instructed by the Communist Police Chief of Berlin, Herr Markgraf, to search for the runaways, even though no application for them as defaulters has been made either by British or American Zone Authorities.

Frozen Money
Trade conducted by the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Berlin is believed to amount to twenty milliard Reichsmarks since the termination of hostilities or nearly one third of the total German note circulation. The transactions have been considered contrary to the spirit of the Potsdam Agreement because "frozen" money has been taken out of banks by the Soviet Administration and put into circulation by the occupying Power to draw their possessions out of penniless Germans in the form of "invisible reparations."

Closed from April until August the Soviet Purchasing Commission began to buy diamonds very cautiously, price having dropped from 40,000 Reichsmarks per carat to between fifteen and twenty thousand.

Living conditions for Soviet officials working at the Purchasing Commission have not been considerably tightened and they are under continuous supervision. There is an unconfirmed rumour that a renegade Soviet official has been found dead and stripped of his clothing in the Western Zones of Germany.

Police Commissar Schramm recently made a visit to Munich ostensibly looking for Alexander Belousov wanted "as a war criminal" in connection with concentration camp crimes. He has returned to the Soviet Zone empty-handed.

Belousov who never had anything to do with concentration camps, fought the war in the East as an officer of the Red Army and took part in the assault on Berlin.

A Courier
After his discharge he joined the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Weissenau as a courier, making himself noticeable by anti-Communist utterances to Germans with whom his business brought him into contact.

Captain Alexander Belousov was by persuasion a civilian. Strong as a giant and tall as a grenadier he had made the whole offensive from Russia to Berlin, and it had been a matter of pride with him that he had neither stolen a watch nor run after women. But occasionally he took to spirits, and

then it was best to keep out of his way.

After the victory of May 1945, Alexander Belousov was a Captain in command of Russian troops in the Soviet Zone, but it began gradually to impress itself on him that all had not been well with Soviet propaganda during twenty-five years of his thirty-seven years of life. He thought hard and he thought deeply, and he spoke to no-one, but he compared ruined Central Europe with the Soviet paradise of the workers, and allowing for the destruction wrought by the German offensive in Russia he weighed his own government in the balance and found them wanting.

Alexander Belousov was a good officer up to a point, and beyond that he indulged once or twice copiously in liquor, and roused to the pitch of exasperation smashed everything within reach, while nobody cared to hinder him or to challenge his gigantic strength.

The senior officers of the Red Army shook their heads and decided that Belousov was not a good leader of troops. So it came about that he was discharged and by a stroke of luck was immediately taken over by the Soviet Military Administration in Germany as an officer fit to be trusted with responsible duties.

Secret Branch
His orders took him from Eberswald, where he had been discharged, to Berlin, and there he was taken on the staff of one of the most secret branches, the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Berlin, and employed in the equivalent rank of a captain.

The gargantuan Alexander was now a courier in charge of bullion or currency, and as such he drove lorries between Potsdam, seat of the Brandenburg administration, and the Soviet paymaster-in-chief, and Berlin. He also drove a courier between Leipzig and Berlin, and the courier contained sacks of Reichsmarks in millions upon millions. The Russians had captured during the war nearly two-thirds of the total circulation of Reichsmarks in Germany (about 45 milliards) and they were entitled to print from British plates to defray occupation costs. They have never revealed how much.

The Soviet Purchasing Commission set up in the Russian Sector of Berlin shortly after the end of the war to make the very most in reparations out of the existing situation. They took over a large factory that had previously belonged to Askania Ltd. in Berlin's Weissensee, and there Soviet officials aided by White Russians and the sweepings of German displaced persons, displaced Turks, Armenians, Jews, Egyptians, Poles and Balts, began to melt beaten Germany of invisible reparations.

Holy-of-Holies
The warehouses of the Askania factory piled high with Persian and Turkish rugs, with Saxon and Thuringian porcelain, with baroque furniture and with electrical machinery, while an inner holy-of-holies collected diamonds and gold at fantastic prices. Men with contacts in all sectors of Berlin travelled round the British and American sectors buying from impoverished families their last household treasures and teraphim in exchange for thousands of marks which were

used in turn to buy coal and bread and tobacco at inflated prices.

It was contrary to the Potsdam Agreement, of course.

The year of 1945 came and went, happy and exciting with its fragrance of western life, and 1946 followed with works of art and luxuries flowing in to the Soviet Purchasing Commission in exchange for captured marks. The year 1946 drew then into 1947 and Captain Belousov drove his lorries full of Reichsmarks to and from the Osobtrog, where, under the sign of the hammer and sickle, the three golden balls dangled over conquered Germany. The diamonds and gold flowed in, and high prices were paid, and nobody asked whence these treasures had come. The whole Soviet zone and crime-ridden Berlin became a happy hunting ground for adventurers, and no questions were put. What chance had Four Power Control of reducing crime in Berlin?

A Cup Of Tea

New and then, Comrade Alexander Belousov escaped from the strict road of his duties, and in one or other of the big antique shops in the British or American sectors of Berlin he stopped for a cup of tea or a tot of schnapps. And the conviction that had been worrying his mind for months came to the surface—"For twenty-five years they have lied to us."

Belousov drank more and he reflected upon the situation. His mother was dead, his brothers were in Teheran and in the Far East, and only his old father aged sixty-eight still tried to farm their little estate east of Moscow, deprived as it was, because of his age, of the bread ration card. Alexander shed bitter tears when he heard that the estate was to be made into a collective farm or kolkhose, and then he heard, too, that a Commission was to visit Berlin from Moscow to examine the accountancy and transactions of the Soviet Purchasing Commission. It was important to the budget of the USSR that their credits in Berlin should be converted into hard currency in Switzerland and America to help balance Soviet foreign trade.

Here and there, dodging in and out of the antique shops of Berlin and the apartment flats where luxury still prevailed among the ruins, Captain Belousov dropped a wad of notes. Here and there a wink and a nod to the proprietor was all that was necessary, for was not he, Sacha, one of the most popular figures in the big underworld of Berlin.

Aladdin's Cave

Meanwhile things had not gone too well in the Osobtrog or Soviet Purchasing Commission. The Generals and their wives had been in and taken what took their fancy out of the "Aladdin's Cave." The German storeman gave up his job rather than risk a nervous breakdown. Colonel Toropin, the senior paymaster in charge of this tremendous concern, pegged away at his books, and Viktor Ivanovitch Zolotrioff, whose name in Russian means "the man of gold," continued to keep the books of the Commission, which ran into millions, while he quarrelled heartily with his wife on the merits of Communism.

The month of April came near, and a strange unrest seized Alexander Belousov. When he looked in the Soviet illustrations he broke out into imprecations and declared: "This

is all lies. Why do they show us pictures of churches and church services? They have long since converted the churches into stables." The violence of his gestures frightened his German friends. He became morose and incalculable, and whereas Viktor Ivanovitch, the chief auditor, merely consumed vast quantities of liquor with little apparent effect on himself except to increase his friendliness and courtesy to the world at large, Alexander sought more and more the underworld of Berlin and became ever more restless.

The Probe

Then, in April, the Commission of Inquiry arrived in Berlin, consisting of three majors and nine interpreters. It was an incorruptible team that began to look into the books of the Soviet Purchasing Commission, and it continued to pore over them for four months, inviting the presence of various German business men and shopkeepers to give evidence.

The Commission of Inquiry had not probed long before they found discrepancies of millions in an account which for one year probably dealt with a turnover of nearly twenty milliards of Reichsmarks, or more than a quarter of Germany's total note issue.

Colonel Toropin, whose Berlin home was resplendent with art treasures, was twice called to Moscow, and from the second visit he did not return. The charming Viktor Ivanovitch Zolotrioff who had kept his own books to within 500,000 marks (£12,000), or 0.002 per cent of all transactions, was whisked away and returned no more.

But Alexander Belousov was not to be located. They sought in his flat only to find that he had recently changed his place of abode; nor was he to be found in the second flat. For some time a suspicion of murder reigned, because Belousov was rudely anti-Semitic and his colleagues in the Purchasing Commission were of Jewish origin. But shortly the suspicion of desertion prevailed and hardened as the audit revealed a deficit of at least fifteen million marks, or one million pounds at export rates.

Like A Museum

In Colonel Toropin's home the examining Commission found works of art so profuse as to make the place like a museum or the home of an American philanthropist. Russian headquarters at Karlshorst called in the Berlin police and began to interrogate the shady fraternity of Berlin anti-quarians.

The police president, Herr Markgraf, was an ex-officer of the Seydlitz army in Russia, a man who himself with his whole headquarters lay undoubtedly in the power of the Russians. He set about investigations, knowing full well that the wanted man had crossed some part of the sparsely watched frontier of six hundred miles between eastern and western Germany.

Two of his best criminal investigation officers, Schramm and Knoppe, were entrusted with the business, and because of the trade of the Purchasing Commission was highly confidential anyway, the Intelligence and Security branches of the British and American Control Commissions were not asked to assist.

The Pretext

Schramm turned up in Munich looking for his victim on the pretext that Alexander was a war criminal who had supervised concentration camps for the Nazis.

The voyage westwards of Alexander Belousov belongs to the realm of fable. There is (Continued on Page 13)

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Two of Europe's capitals make dress news for women

Fashions are personal in Paris now

From MARIE-ALIX LAMOTTE

HERE I am, back in Paris after a few weeks' absence, and how Parisiennes have changed! They have become so intensely individual in their choice of fashions, choosing the thing that suits them best, irrespective of whether it is fashionable. So there is just no standard fashion in Paris to-day, unless you pick upon the fact that pleats are popular for all things—skirts and trimmings—while pullovers are another obvious style note.

Strolling down the Rue de la Paix, round the Place Vendôme and up the Champs Elysées, I picked out a few elegant women whose choice of dress is well worth describing to you.

Elegant Lady No. 1 wore a black taffeta tailor-made with pockets on each side of her jacket, draped like French blinds, and on her head a minute toque of lime-coloured felt, swathed with black tulle.

One young woman, tired of wearing her buttonhole in the classic position on her lapel, had pinned a cluster of lilacs of the valley on the left sleeve, just below her shoulder. A novel idea worth studying in broad white pleated cuffs, rimmed with black velvet bows to emulate cut-links.

Very smart too was a natural bangkok straw hat I made a note of, with rich tulle under the brim to frame the face. Tulle gloves to match and filled gaudies to tie up with the large hat.

It must be twenty years or more since we appreciated the charm of these immense broad-brimmed hats. Parisiennes have taken them to their hearts and if you are coming to Paris you will want to wear one too.

Slender evening styles

In many workrooms needles flew and scissors snipped desperately last week, for eight of London's leading dress designers had accepted an invitation to show models at a special "mantequin" parade at the Brussels Film Festival on Saturday. They were to prove to the London city of austerity and rationing, was yet a city of lovely clothes.

Most of the clothes were designed for evening wear and followed the slender Grecian lines now fashionable. But there were also many full-skirted ball dresses in the romantic tradition. Berill's illustrations (above) show three of the most attractive models.



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BEAUTY FOR LUCK

Do we women of today realise how very lucky we are... and do we make the best of our good fortune? For the first time in many generations, there is no fixed standard of female beauty. Each one of us has tremendous scope for expressing and enhancing her own personality to the full. If we are so foolish as to force ourselves into moulds unsuitable to our appearance or temperament, we have no one to blame but ourselves for never before has Beauty been permitted such a wide range of expression.

The Victorian Miss had to practise her "prunes" and "frisks" in an effort to cultivate the nose-bug and mouth considered essential to true beauty. She had to acquire a demure expression or her future was liable to be looked upon with foreboding and only the girl fortunate enough to be born with a figure resembling a drainpipe as closely as possible. All heroines were described as having "boyish" figures and the average woman, whose figure did and always has resembled most closely that of a woman, was condemned to submit to a fashion which placed the waist somewhere around the hipline and the skirt well above the knees. It was this fashion, surely the cruellest ever devised for the normal figure, which brought about the final revolt against a slavish conformity to Fashion.

Today, heaven be praised, we have more sense and refuse to be compelled to measure up to any one particular standard. Beauty is equally acceptable in any form, colour or expression; personality is more valued than mere regularity of feature. Each woman is free to study her own individuality and has at her command the widest range of choice in selecting the best possible means of expression. She may be tall or short, dark or fair, slim or well rounded and still have the same chance of success. A plain face may become an asset rather than a liability if there is vitality and vivacity to light it from within.

Indeed, our greatest danger is that we are liable to be spoiled for choice. That must be the reason why so many women still do not make the best of themselves. We have such freedom of choice... and fashion is no longer our master but our willing slave, producing each year a wider and more fascinating array for our selection and adornment. Hair can be worn up or down, long or short, curled or straight with equal success; clothes run the gamut

Young Man With An Idea

By MacKENZIE PORTER

Norman Bishop Hartnell has a solid frame and square features which suited him well for the rugby field at Cambridge during the bright young twenties. And to look at him now, in his carefully preserved forties, you could think of him still as a likely lad in any scrum.

It is only after chatting to him for a few minutes in his dove-grey showman, Bruton-street, Mayfair, hearing his airy, effervescent wit, watching the astute, delicate dilettante, but never effete, that you understand why he is today one of the world's best in the art of making women lovely.

Many miles of exquisite fabrics have run under the Hartnell sewing-machine on to beautiful and illustrious figures since that day in 1921, when, with £300 in his pocket, he came down from Cambridge after his second year, knowing exactly where he was going. He was the late Lucy, Lady Duff Gordon, then fashion writer on the "Daily Graphic" who, after seeing his costumes in a college comic opera, persuaded him to throw up modern languages and tackle Paris at its own game in London.

Got The Sack

For a few months he was an apprentice in somebody else's salon, but he got the sack. "Go and learn to draw," he was told. But he didn't waste time on lessons. The £300 went into a sewing-machine and the decor of an attic in the West End. He employed his sister and five seamstresses, and his early customers were largely stage folk.

Hartnell's mood changed with the times, and in the graver 'thirties he began to attract, besides the gay, the gracious and the great. His first contact with Royalty came when he designed the Duchess of Gloucester's wedding dress. At the ceremony he met the Duchess of York and the two Princesses. His work was not forgotten. The first Royal order was for coronation costumes at the Coronation. Then he designed Queen Elizabeth's wardrobe for the State visit to France in 1938. Even Paris was breath-taken. A French decoration went up on the wall at Bruton-street.

Since then he has been a constant visitor to Buckingham Palace. His policy was to dress the Queen and Princess Elizabeth in

THEY WANT THIS MAN IN MOSCOW

(Continued from Page 12)

no means of stopping a determined man from getting through the Iron Curtain today. Snatches of his escapades came back to Berlin where his boon companions related them.

It was said Alexander the Huge had crossed the frontier with a small brunette named Irma who was his faithful guide as far as Frankfurt-on-Main. There the Russian had floundered some time in helplessness like a hunted beast. "Don't let's go out in the streets," was one of his remarks. "The UNRRA Jews here who used to visit me in Wiesbaden will recognise me."

So he was taken along the "grapevine" to Wuerstberg, where for a time he worked on the farm of a peasant, enjoying the latter by his flun strength and pleasantness. All friends look him over the frontier to France or some other secure part of Europe. Monty told the path.

Open Again

A week ago the Soviet Purchasing Commission opened to do business again in the Russian capital of Berlin, buying both porcelain and glass in the

from the subtle to the severe. The romantic to the practical, from the sophisticated to the simple; make-up can be discreet or arresting according to the occasion... and ours is the choice.

If we can avoid three mistakes the problem will be half-way to being solved... not to be bewildered, not to get carried away, not to be rash. In fact to count ten before making any decision. We all want to make the best of ourselves and the only way to do so is to study ourselves minutely, without self deception or wishful thinking, seeing ourselves as we are, not as we would like to be. Then make a catalogue of good points and bad, and study how we can best enhance the good ones and improve or minimise the bad ones. Not looks alone should be included in our self-scrutiny, but manners and with an evenness of temperament, so that no small defect may mar an otherwise pleasing whole.

Then we can take our choice of all that the fields of Beauty and Fashion have to offer up to our standard. We will not be carried away by something new, no matter how charming, unless it measures up to our standard. We will not rashly adopt a style which looks wonderful on a friend when we submit it to our mental catalogue of ourselves to make sure that it fits. And when we do try something new, we will try it out on ourselves at home, first and make quite sure that it is right before displaying it to the world. We are indeed lucky to have so much to choose from and so much skill and advice at our disposal. But all the luck in the world is not enough if we do not study how to make the best use of it.

Massage For Milady

By VICTOR MAMAK

The advantages of a facial massage hardly need any elaboration. If you desire to have your skin as smooth and unwrinkled as possible, you must learn to give yourself a facial in a proper way.

Massage is an art in itself and does not consist, as so often, but erroneously, assumed, in merely rubbing the face with the hands. A certain definite system has to be followed, one in accordance and conformity with the natural lie of the facial tissues and muscles. It is normally impossible to exercise all of the tissues of the face, so massage is the essential "APPLIED EXERCISE" which serves to compensate—to limber up the puckered down surface cells, stimulate circulation, and normalise cell metabolism.

Of course, it would be better if you could employ the professional services of a skilled masseur or masseuse for an occasional facial massage. The number of times that you should visit your favourite beautician for a facial will depend on your age. If you are between 20 and 25, one professional massage per month is sufficient—between 25 and 30 twice a month—between 30 and 40, three times a month—and over 40, at least once a week.

This, however, does not mean that you may eliminate your daily beauty treatment at home. Before retiring, no matter how late it is, give your face a little treatment every night without fail.

Take some cleansing cream or reliable make and apply it gently, patting it briskly, but not rubbing it vigorously, all over the face and neck. After five minutes, remove the cream by means of a tissue paper. Repeat this cleansing process once again to make sure that your face is thoroughly clean and absolutely free of all make-up.

Next comes the application of a hot towel, which has been immersed in water as hot as the face can stand. Wring the towel almost dry. Then apply it to the lower portion of the face first and then gradually cover the whole face. Repeat this operation at least twice. This will open up all the pores of the skin to receive beneficially the night cream which must have high nourishing potentialities.

The nourishing cream should be applied in a rather liberal quantity, remembering again that it should be patted briskly and not rubbed vigorously. First apply it to the centre of the forehead, after it should be carried out to each temple with smart patting motion. Following the treatment of the forehead, a bit of the nourishing cream may now be applied to the upper and the lower eyelids. Here the rule against rubbing may be discarded, but only to a very minor degree. Rubbing must be done very gently and with a circular outward motion, away from the inner corner of the eye.

The cream may now be carried from the upper lip area, over the cheeks, and finally up over the nose with the same rotary movement which was used around the eyes.

The final massage of the facial calls for stroking the nourishing cream into the skin of the chin and the throat with long—but not too firm or fast—upward strokes.

Now remove all the surplus cream with a tissue paper, leaving a thin layer overnight.

The selection of the two creams, cleansing and nourishing, is most important. Nourishing creams containing hormones are strongly recommended for women over thirty. Active hormones actually feed youth to your skin. Women, under thirty, however, do not need such rich creams. Creams made with almond oil and activated with Vitamin D will be found most beneficial for women between the ages of twenty and thirty.

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Hamburg, Sept. 12.

The priceless Bismarck family jewels have been stolen from the Bismarck estate mansion of Prince Von Bismarck in Schleswig-Holstein, near the Russian Zone frontier.

The German police believed that attempts were being made to sell the jewels in Hamburg's black market.

Some of the jewels, bearing monograms of former Queen Marie of Rumania, were hidden under a bed in a trunk, together with family documents, money and other valuables.

Several other large scale robberies of jewellery and art treasures in Germany have been reported since the theft in November, 1945, of the Crown jewels of the former Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, valued at more than £375,000 from Dronberg Castle, Hesse.

The Hesse jewels were eventually recovered, and two people were sentenced in connection with their theft.

The Hohenzollern Crown Jewels, worth about £500,000, were reported stolen last month while in transit to the United States authorities in Berlin.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Sept. 13.

Irregularly lower tendencies prevailed in the stock market although assorted leaders maintained modest "plus" signs and dealings reverted to sluggishness.

Some short covering and timid bidding was based on hope for an autumn rally supported by technical factors, but many customers held aloof, influenced by pessimism over the living-cost spiral at home and economic confusion abroad.

Transfers totalled 800,000 shares. Gainers included Douglas Aircraft, United States Gypsum, Texas Company. Among losers were Santa Fe, Hershey Chocolate, Caterpillar Tractor, American Woolen.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.01, 20 Industrials 175.92, 15 Rails 47.51, 10 Utilities 35.24.

Closing stock quotations: Adams Express 17 1/2, Alaska Junior 4 1/2, American Can 35, American Smelting 50 1/2, American Telephone 16 1/2, American Tobacco 7 1/2, American Waterways 1 1/2, Asarco 1 1/2, Avco 1 1/2, Avco Corp. 5 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Bannett 2 1/2, Bendis Aviation 30 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 60 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 11 1/2, Burden Co. 2 1/2, Canadian Pacific 13 1/2, Case 35 1/2, Chrysler 6 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, Commercial Solvents 24, Corn Products 24 1/2, Dupont 18 1/2, Eastman Kodak 49 1/2, Electric Light & Power 16 1/2, General Electric 34 1/2, General Motors 57 1/2, Goodrich 52, Goodyear 44 1/2, Greyhound 5 1/2, Homestake Mining 44 1/2, International Harvester 8 1/2, International Paper 48, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, Johns Manville 4 1/2, Kennecott Copper 45 1/2, Montgomery Ward 17 1/2, National Distillers 20 1/2, National Lead 33, New Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 1 1/2, Pacific 13 1/2, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2, Schenley 30 1/2, Sears Roebuck 30 1/2, Shell Oil 20 1/2, Socony Vacuum 19 1/2, Southern Pacific 42 1/2, Standard Brands 28 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 48 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 14 1/2, Studebaker 20 1/2, Union Carbide 32 1/2, Union Carbide 32 1/2, U.S. Steel 68 1/2, U.S. Lines 20 1/2, Westinghouse 26 1/2, Wheeling Steel & Tube 58, Gen. Pub. Utilities 14.—Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, Sept. 12.

After a dull start due both to internal and external uncertainties, conditions became steadier, and a round trading in which business did not differ with the general disposition to await Sir Stafford Cripps' speech.

Industrialist lost further ground as also did oils, particularly Anglo-Iranians, on reports of troops massing on the northern frontier.

Glitchees sagged further and showed a disposition to even lower levels in final dealings. Italians, Greeks and German potash holders featured the foreign market while in the foreign rail section, American lines were depressed on reports of Sender Miranda's threats, but finished above the lower levels.

Kaffirs continued dull while among commodities, teas again were inclined to move against holders.—Reuter.

New York, Sept. 12.

The steady foreign liquidation of United States securities continued at around the recent volume level.

The market psychology at present is described as continuingly expectant of bad news and would therefore be very responsive to any good news.

A C.I.O. spokesman, speaking to the United Nations, said that the automobile industry workers will be idle in a few days.—Reuter.

On the 25th June, 1947, the Honourable Company of Master Mariners celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of its foundation. The occasion was marked with especial honours by all who recorded the Company upon its inception and have since encouraged its progress with such beneficial interest.

The warlike and spontaneity of that welcome, twenty-one years ago, were indeed remarkable, and showed that King and People alike were eager to proclaim the esteem in which they held the senior craftsman of the Sea, the Master Mariner. It was, they acknowledged, an extraordinary anomaly that, until the Company was formed, no such fraternity had existed in Britain, whose prosperity, and the prosperity of whose Empire had flourished upon the skill and devotion of her merchant seamen.

Other crafts and learned professions had possessed for centuries their Guilds and Societies; yet Sea-craft, the Craft of the Master Mariner, had no appointed representation in the nation's corporate life, no medium through which the nation could recognise the status to which the Master Mariner's calling, of such honourable traditions, was entitled.

Such was the position in 1926. In the years that have since passed so swiftly, that anomaly has been swept away. So that today, upon this notable anniversary, the Master Mariner can contemplate with pride the honours conferred upon him through the King, the Admiralty of the King, the title "Honourable", the granting of a Royal Charter, and of Livery of the City of London.

Goie is the obscurity in which his professional status had languished for so long; instead, his rightful place in the public life is established.

Great and enduring privileges have thus been granted to the Company in these early and eventful years, and they are treasured with abiding gratitude by British Master Mariners throughout the world.

The Company, deeply sensible of the responsibilities such privileges carry, and of the prestige they confer upon it, looks to the future with unbounded confidence, and plans now to establish in London a Headquarters which will allow a considerable expansion of its useful work.

It will not come as a surprise to anyone that the Headquarters contemplated should be a ship, and that the proposal is to moor her in the heart of London alongside the Victoria Embankment.

The fulfilment of this plan will require generous financial help, for the outlay involved is far beyond the Company's resources. But as the Headquarters Ship will be devoted to purposes not so much for the benefit of the Company as for that of the Merchant Navy as a whole, the Master and Wardens feel justified in making a public appeal for support. It is the first time such an appeal has been made by the Company.

Early in 1946 the suggestion was received that it would be possible to procure from the Admiralty a ship which could be well adapted for use as headquarters, and upon being approached, the Admiralty offered the Company H.M.S. Wellington, a escort vessel, which sailed throughout the war with our Merchant ships in her appointed protective role, offering the command of a Royal Naval Reserve Officer. Here, in fact, was a Naval ship with the biggest possible association with the Merchant Navy, and one in which, it was felt, the bond of comradeship between the two great sea services would be most appropriately enshrined.

It was decided, after most careful consideration of the responsibilities involved, that the acquisition of H.M.S. Wellington, and her subsequent adaptation, were practicable and reasonable propositions, and accordingly the Admiralty's offer of the ship was accepted.

The Wellington is 268 feet in length and 36 in beam. In addition to the Company's Offices, she will provide ample space for a members' writing room, a library, and a chart room, which would also be available for shipping and other conferences, and meetings. There would be space also for a Merchant Navy museum, of exhibition of modern navigational apparatus, with facilities for its demonstration and study. It is hoped that it may be possible to offer training facilities to a City of London contingent of the Sea Cadet Corps, in order to further the education and training of young seamen.

Thus it will be seen that the project is of the greatest importance to our seafaring community generally, in addition to enabling the Company to go forward to a fuller realisation of the objects for which it was formed. Those objects, as is well known, are directed entirely towards enhancing the prestige and well-being of a service which has contributed immeasurably to the prosperity of Great Britain and her Empire overseas.

It is estimated that to carry out the work of converting H.M.S. Wellington, and furnishing her for the purposes outlined will cost at least £100,000. In addition, there will be maintenance costs, which it is also sought to endow. The Company is composed wholly of Master Mariners, and is not a wealthy fraternity. Nevertheless the members have themselves paid for the initial purchase price of the Wellington as she stands, and they have available a small fund, amounting to some £7,000, with which to commence the work of her conversion.

The Master and Wardens appeal now for funds to enable this work to be completed. They do so in confidence, and they address their appeal not only to those in Great Britain who have first cause to appreciate the great services of the Merchant Navy in war and peace, but to our Dominions and Colonies overseas, and to our allies in the late war. All have acknowledged their debt to the British Merchant Navy, but none, perhaps, in more fitting words than Mr. John Davis, an American Ambassador to this country, who said, many years ago—

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Prominent Arab Shot To Death

Jerusalem, Sept. 13.

Sama Effendi Taha, Secretary of the Arab Labour Federation, was assassinated on Friday night with a sub-machine-gun in Haifa.

An official announcement said the 33-year-old tarbooshed Arab, who has opposed the leadership of Haj Amin el Husseini, called Mufti of Jerusalem, was shot down while walking near his home on King's Way in Haifa.

The assassin reportedly drove past in a car, slowed down and sprayed him with bullets.

Taha has consistently supported Musa el Alami, Director General of the Arab Propaganda Office, now in London, in opposition to the Mufti and Jamal el Husseini, deputy chairman of the Palestine Arab Committee.

Taha had just made a speech at a Haifa labour meeting in which he assailed Husseini's newspaper, "Al Wahid" for attacking Alami's supporters and expressed disagreement with the Mufti's followers position that all Jews arriving in Palestine after 1948 are here illegally.

Taha agreed in his speech to permit all Jews now here to remain if Palestine is given independence instead of partition. Reliable sources said Taha and another Labour leader two weeks ago issued a manifesto to Labour groups supporting Alami. Both were reported to have received threatening unsigned letters.

Taha's associate was reported to have fled to Syria, to have been threatened there repeatedly, and finally to have withdrawn his signature from the manifesto. Taha refused to retract his statements and reiterated them in Friday's speech.—Associated Press.

Toronto, Sept. 13.

Most major Canadian tire manufacturers on Friday announced reduction in price of tires and tubes ranging from 7 1/2 to 15 per cent, bringing prices below pre-war levels.—Associated Press.

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